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THE UNITED STATES,

BEING THE FIRST SESSION OF THE TENTH CONGRESS,

BEGUN AND HELD

AT THE CITY OF WASHINGTON,

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AND IN THE THIRTY-SECOND YEAR OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE SAID STATES.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES :

BEGUN and held at the City of Washington, in the Territory of Columbia, on Monday, the twenty-sixth of October, one thousand eight hundred and seven, being the First Session of the Tenth Congress held under the Constitution of Government of the United States :

On which day, being the day appointed by a proclamation of the President of the United States, of the thirtieth day of July last, for the meeting of the Congress, the following members of the House of Representatives appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats, to wit :

From New Hampshire,

{ Peter Carlton,
Daniel M. Durcell,
Francis Gardner,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Clement Storer.

From Massachusetts,

{ Joseph Barker,
John Chandler,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
William Ely,
Isaiah L. Green,
Daniel Ilsley,
Josiah Quincy,
Ebenezer-Seaver,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Jabez Upham.

From Vermont,

{ Martin Chittenden,
James Elliot,
James Fisk,
James Witherall.

From Rhode Island,

{ Nehemiah Knight,
Isaac Wilbour.

From Connecticut,

Epaphroditus Champion,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge.

From New York,

John Blake, junior,
Barent Gardenier,
John Harris,
Reuben Humphreys,
William Kirkpatrick,
Josiah Masters,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Peter Swart,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
James J. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck.

From New Jersey,

Ezra Darby,
William Helms,
John Lambert,
Thomas Newbold,
James Sloan,
Henry Southard.

From Pennsylvania,

David Bard,
Robert Brown,
William Findley,
John Heister,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
William Milner,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Robert Whitehill.

From Maryland,

John Campbell,
Charles Goldsborough,
Philip B. Key,
Edward Lloyd,
William McCreery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Roger Nelson,
Archibald Van Horne.

From Virginia,

Burwell Bassett,
William A. Burwell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Dawson,
John W. Eppes,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,

From Virginia—continued,

David Holmes,
Walter Jones,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
John Love,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton, jr.
John Randolph,
John Smith.

From North Carolina,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, jr.
Thomas Blount,
John Culpepper,
Thomas Kenan,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Richard Stanford,
Meshack Franklin.

From South Carolina,

Lemuel J. Alston, jr.
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Thomas Moore,
John Taylor,
David R. Williams.

From Georgia,

William W. Bibb,
Howell Cobb,
Dennis Smelt,
George M. Troup.

From Ohio,

Jeremiah Morrow.

From Kentucky,

Joseph Desha,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,

From Tennessee,

John Rhea,
Jesse Wharton.

And a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number, being present,

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the choice of a Speaker; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of JOSEPH B. VARNUM, Esq. one of the Representatives for the State of Massachusetts: Whereupon,

Mr. Varnum was conducted to the chair, from whence he made his acknowledgments to the House, as followeth:

"Gentlemen of the House of Representatives:

"You will please to accept my most grateful acknowledgment of the honor, which, by your suffrages on this occasion, you have conferred upon me. I am sensible of my own inability to perform the important duties which you have been pleased to assign me, in the most desirable manner; but, relying on your candor and readiness to afford me your aid, I accept the trust; and be assured, Gentlemen, that it will be my assiduous endeavor to discharge the duties of the office faithfully and impartially, and in a manner which, in my opinion, shall be the best calculated to meet your wishes, and afford me the consolation of an approving conscience."

The House proceeded, in the same manner, to the appointment of a Clerk; and upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of Patrick Magruder.

The oath to support the Constitution of the United States, as prescribed by the act, entitled "An act to regulate the time and manner of administering certain oaths," was administered by Mr. Van Cortlandt, one of the Representatives for the State of New York, to the Speaker; and then the same oath, or affirmation, was administered by Mr. Speaker to all the members present, to wit:

Peter Carlton, Daniel M'Durell, Francis Gardner, Jedediah K. Smith, Clement Storer, Joseph Barker, John Chandler, Orchard Cook, Richard Cutts, Josiah Deane, William Ely, Isaiah L. Green, Daniel Hsley, Josiah Quincy, Ebenezer Seaver, William Stedman, Samuel Taggart, Joseph B. Varnum, Jabez Upham, Martin Chittenden, James Elliot, James Fisk, James Witherall, Nehemiah Knight, Isaac Wilbour, Epa-

phroditus Champion, Samuel W. Dana, John Davenport, Jonathan O. Mosely, Timothy Pitkin, jun. Lewis B. Sturges, Benjamin Tallmadge, John Blake, jun. Barent Gardenier, John Harris, Reuben Humphreys, William Kirkpatrick, Josiah Masters, Samuel Riker, John Russell, Peter Swart, David Thomas, John Thompson, James J. Van Allen, Philip Van Cortlandt, Killian K. Van Rensselaer, Daniel C. Verplanck, Ezra Darby, William Helms, John Lambert, Thomas Newbold, James Sloan, Henry Southard, David Bard, Robert Brown, William Findley, John Heister, Robert Jenkins, James Kelly, William Milner, Daniel Montgomery, junior, John Porter, John Pugh, John Rea, Jacob Richards, Matthias Richards, John Smilie, Samuel Smith, Robert Whitehill, John Campbell, Charles Goldsborough, Philip B. Key, Edward Lloyd, William McCreery, John Montgomery, Nicholas R. Moore, Roger Nelson, Archibald Van Horne, Burwell Bassett, William A. Burwell, Matthew Clay, John Clopton, John Dawson, John W. Eppes, James M. Garnett, Peterson Goodwyn, Edwin Gray, David Holmes, Walter Jones, Joseph Lewis, jr. John Love, John Morrow, Thomas Newton, jun. John Randolph, John Smith, Evan Alexander, Willis Alston, jr. Thomas Blount, John Culpepper, Thomas Kenan, Lemuel Sawyer, Richard Stanford, Meshack Franklin, Lemuel J. Alston, jr. William Butler, Joseph Calhoun, Thomas Moore, John Taylor, David R. Williams, William W. Bibb, Howell Cobb, Dennis Smelt, George M. Troup, Jeremiah Morrow, Joseph Desha, Benjamin Howard, Richard M. Johnson, John Rhea, Jesse Wharton.

George Poindexter, Esq. having also appeared as the delegate from the Mississippi Territory of the United States, the said oath was administered to him by the Speaker.

The same oath, together with the oath of office prescribed by the said recited act, were also administered by Mr. Speaker to the Clerk.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business. I am also directed to inform this House that the Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them. And then he withdrew.

On motion,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate, to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled, and have elected Joseph B. Varnum, Esq. one of the Representatives for the State of Massachusetts, their Speaker ; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

On motion,

Resolved, That Mr. Bassett, Mr. Goldsborough, and Mr. Masters, be appointed a committee on the part of this House, jointly, with the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communication that he may be pleased to make to them.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

Resolved, That the rules and orders established by the late House of Representatives, shall be deemed and taken to be the rules and orders of proceeding to be observed in this House until a revision or alteration of the same shall take place.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 1807.

Several other members, to wit : from Virginia, Abram Trigg and Alexander Wilson ; from South Carolina, Robert Marion ; and from Tennessee, George W. Campbell ; appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a Serjeant-at-Arms to this House ; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of Thomas Dunn.

Ordered, That the said Thomas Dunn do give his attendance accordingly.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

Circumstances, fellow-citizens, which seriously threatened the peace of our country, have made it a duty to convene you at an earlier period than usual. The love of peace, so much cherished in the bosom of our citizens, which has so long guided the proceedings of their public councils, and induced forbearance under so many wrongs, may not ensure our continuance in the quiet pursuits of industry. The many injuries and depredations committed on our commerce and navigation, upon the high seas, for years past; the successive innovations on those principles of public law which have been established by the reason and usage of nations as the rule of their intercourse, and the umpire and security of their rights and peace, and all the circumstances which induced the extraordinary mission to London, are already known to you. The instructions given to our Ministers were framed in the sincerest spirit of amity and moderation. They accordingly proceeded, in conformity therewith, to propose arrangements which might embrace and settle all the points in difference between us; which might bring us to a mutual understanding on our neutral and national rights, and provide for a commercial intercourse on conditions of some equality. After long and fruitless endeavors to effect the purposes of their mission, and to obtain arrangements within the limits of their instructions, they concluded to sign such as could be obtained, and to send them for consideration, candidly declaring to the other negotiators, at the same time, that they were acting against their instructions, and that their Government, therefore, could not be pledged for ratification. Some of the articles proposed, might have been admitted on a principle of compromise, but others were too highly disadvantageous, and no sufficient provision was made against the principal source of the irritations and collisions which were constantly endangering the peace of the two nations. The question, therefore, whether a treaty should be accepted in that form, could have admitted but of one decision, even had no declarations of the other party impaired our confidence in it. Still anxious not to close the door against friendly adjustment, new modifications were framed, and further concessions authorized, than could before have been supposed necessary; and our Ministers were instructed to resume their negotiations on these grounds. On this new reference to amicable discussion we were reposing in confidence, when, on the twenty-second day of June last, by a formal order from a British Admiral, the frigate *Chesapeake*, leaving her port for a distant service, was attacked by one of those vessels which had been lying in our harbors under the indulgences of hospitality, was disabled from proceeding, had several of her crew killed, and four taken away. On this outrage no commentaries are necessary. Its character has been pronounced by the indignant voice of our citizens, with an emphasis and unanimity never exceeded. I immediately, by proclamation, interdicted our harbors and waters to all British armed vessels, forbade intercourse with them, and, uncertain how far hostilities were intended, and the town of Norfolk, indeed, being threatened with immediate attack, a sufficient force was ordered for the protection of that place, and such other preparations commenced and pursued as the prospect rendered proper. An armed vessel of the United States was despatched with instructions to our Ministers at London to call on that Government for the satisfaction and security required by the outrage. A very short interval ought now to bring the answer, which shall be communicated to you as soon as received. Then, also, or soon after as the public interests shall be found to admit, the unratified treaty, and proceedings relative to it, shall be made known to you.

The aggression, thus begun, has been continued on the part of the British commanders, by remaining within our waters, in defiance of the authority of the country, by habitual violations of its jurisdiction, and at length by putting to death one of the persons whom they had forcibly taken from on board the *Chesapeake*. These aggravations necessarily lead to the policy, either of never admitting an armed vessel into our harbors, or of maintaining, in every harbor, such an armed force as may constrain obedience to the laws, and protect the lives and property of our citizens against their armed guests; but the expense of such a standing force, and its inconsistency with our principles, dispense with those courtesies which would necessarily call for it, and leave us equally free to exclude the navy, as we are the army, of a foreign Power, from entering our limits.

To former violations of maritime rights, another is now added, of very extensive effect: the Government of that nation has issued an order interdicting all trade by neutrals between ports not in amity with them; and, being now at war with nearly every nation on the Atlantic and Mediterranean seas, our vessels are required to sacrifice

their cargoes at the first port they touch, or to return home without the benefit of going to any other market. Under this new law of the ocean, our trade on the Mediterranean has been swept away by seizures and condemnations, and that in other seas is threatened with the same fate.

Our differences with Spain remain still unsettled, no measure having been taken on her part, since my last communications to Congress, to bring them to a close. But under a state of things, which may favor reconsideration, they have been recently pressed, and an expectation is entertained that they may now soon be brought to an issue of some sort. With their subjects on our borders, no new collisions have taken place, nor seem immediately to be apprehended. To our former grounds of complaint, has been added a very serious one, as you will see by the decree, a copy of which is now communicated. Whether this decree, which professes to be conformable to that of the French Government, of November twenty-first, one thousand eight hundred and six, heretofore communicated to Congress, will also be conformed to that in its construction and application in relation to the United States, had not been ascertained at the date of our last communications. These, however, gave reason to expect such a conformity.

With the other nations of Europe our harmony has been uninterrupted, and commerce and friendly intercourse have been maintained on their usual footing.

Our peace with the several States on the coast of Barbary, appears as firm as at any former period, and as likely to continue as that of any other nation.

Among our Indian neighbors, in the Northwestern quarter, some fermentation was observed, soon after the late occurrences threatening the continuance of our peace. Messages were said to be interchanged, and tokens to be passing, which usually denote a state of restlessness among them, and the character of the agitators pointed to the sources of excitement. Measures were immediately taken for providing against that danger: instructions were given to require explanations, and, with assurances of our continued friendship, to admonish the tribes to remain quiet at home, taking no part in quarrels not belonging to them. As far as we are yet informed, the tribes in our vicinity, who are most advanced in the pursuits of industry, are sincerely disposed to adhere to their friendship with us, and to their peace with all others; while those more remote do not present appearances sufficiently quiet to justify the intermission of military precaution on our part.

The great tribes on our Southwestern quarter, much advanced beyond the others in agriculture and household arts, appear tranquil and identifying their views with ours, in proportion to their advancements. With the whole of these People, in every quarter, I shall continue to inculcate peace and friendship with all their neighbors, and perseverance in those occupations and pursuits which will best promote their own well-being.

The appropriations of the last session, for the defence of our sea-port towns and harbors, were made under expectation that a continuance of our peace would permit us to proceed in that work according to our convenience. It has been thought better to apply the sums then given, towards the defence of New York, Charleston, and New Orleans, chiefly, as most open and most likely first to need protection; and to leave places less immediately in danger to the provisions of the present session.

The gun-boats, too, already provided, have, on a like principle, been chiefly assigned to New York, New Orleans, and the Chesapeake. Whether our moveable force on the water, so material in aid of the defensive works on the land, should be augmented in this or any other form, is left to the wisdom of the legislature. For the purpose of manning these vessels, in sudden attacks on our harbors, it is a matter for consideration, whether the seamen of the United States may not justly be formed into a special militia, to be called on for tours of duty, in defence of the harbors where they shall happen to be; the ordinary militia of the place furnishing that portion which may consist of landmen.

The moment our peace was threatened, I deemed it indispensable to secure a greater provision of those articles of military stores, with which our magazines were not sufficiently furnished. To have awaited a previous and special sanction by law, would have lost occasions which might not be retrieved. I did not hesitate, therefore, to authorize engagements for such supplements to our existing stock as would render it adequate to the emergencies threatening us; and I trust that the legislature, feeling the same anxiety for the safety of our country, so materially advanced by this precaution, will approve, when done, what they would have seen so important to be done if then assembled. Expenses, also unprovided for, arose out of the necessity of calling all our

gun-boats into actual service for the defence of our harbors, of all which accounts will be laid before you.

Whether a regular army is to be raised, and to what extent, must depend on the information so shortly expected. In the mean time, I have called on the States for quotas of militia, to be in readiness for present defence; and have, moreover, encouraged the acceptance of volunteers; and I am happy to inform you that these have offered themselves with great alacrity, in every part of the Union. They are ordered to be organised, and ready at a moment's warning, to proceed on any service to which they may be called; and every preparation within the Executive powers has been made to ensure us the benefit of early exertions.

I informed Congress, at their last session, of the enterprises against the public peace, which were believed to be in preparation by Aaron Burr and his associates, of the measures taken to defeat them, and to bring the offenders to justice. Their enterprises were happily defeated, by the patriotic exertions of the militia, wherever called into action, by the fidelity of the army, and energy of the Commander-in-Chief, in promptly arranging the difficulties presenting themselves on the Sabine, repairing to meet those arising on the Mississippi, and dissipating, before their explosion, plots endangering there. I shall think it my duty to lay before you the proceedings, and the evidence publicly exhibited on the arraignment of the principal offenders before the Circuit Court of Virginia. You will be enabled to judge whether the defect was in the testimony, in the law, or in the administration of the law; and, wherever it shall be found, the Legislature alone can apply or originate the remedy. The framers of our Constitution certainly supposed they had guarded, as well their Government, against destruction by treason, as their citizens against oppression, under pretence of it; and, if these ends are not attained, it is of importance to inquire by what means, more effectual, they may be secured.

The accounts of the receipts of revenue, during the year ending on the thirtieth day of September last, being not yet made up, a correct statement will be hereafter transmitted from the Treasury. In the mean time, it is ascertained that the receipts have amounted to near sixteen millions of dollars, which, with the five millions and a half in the Treasury at the beginning of the year, have enabled us, after meeting the current demands, and interest incurred, to pay more than four millions of the principal of our funded debt. These payments, with those of the preceding five and a half years, have extinguished of the funded debt twenty-five millions and a half of dollars, being the whole which could be paid or purchased within the limits of the law, and of our contracts, and have left us in the Treasury eight millions and a half of dollars. A portion of this sum may be considered as a commencement of accumulation of the surplusses of revenue, which, after paying the instalments of debt, as they shall become payable, will remain without any specific object. It may partly, indeed, be applied towards completing the defence of the exposed points of our country, on such a scale as shall be adapted to our principles and circumstances. This object is, doubtless, among the first entitled to attention, in such a state of our finances, and it is one which, whether we have peace or war, will provide security where it is due. Whether what shall remain of this, with the future surplusses, may be usefully applied to purposes already authorized, or, more usefully, to others requiring new authorities, or how otherwise they shall be disposed of, are questions calling for the notice of Congress; unless, indeed, they shall be superseded by a change in our public relations, now awaiting the determination of others. Whatever be that determination, it is a great consolation that it will become known at a moment when the Supreme Council of the Nation is assembled at its post, and ready to give the aids of its wisdom and authority to whatever course the good of our country shall then call us to pursue.

Matters of minor importance will be the subjects of future communications; and nothing shall be wanting on my part which may give information or despatch to the proceedings of the Legislature in the exercise of their high duties, and at a moment so interesting to the public welfare.

TH. JEFFERSON.

OCTOBER 27, 1807.

Ordered, That the said message, together with the documents accompanying the same, be referred to the consideration of the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have resolved that two Chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress for the present session; one by each House, who shall

interchange weekly. I am directed by the Senate to communicate to this House the petition of Samuel Biddle and others, impressed American seamen, now detained on board the British sloop of war *Wolverine*. And then he withdrew.

The said petition of Samuel Biddle, and others, was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, together with his opinion thereupon, to the House.

The resolution of the Senate for appointing Chaplains was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, and seconded,

Resolved, That Thomas Claxton be appointed Doorkeeper.

Ordered, That the said Thomas Claxton do give his attendance accordingly.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of an Assistant Doorkeeper to the House; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of Jesse Edwards.

Ordered, That the said Jesse Edwards do give his attendance accordingly.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House cause the members to be furnished, during the present session, with three newspapers to each member, such as the members, respectively, shall choose, to be delivered at their lodgings; and that if any member shall choose to take any newspaper other than a daily paper, he shall be furnished with as many of such papers as shall not exceed the price of a daily paper.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 1807.

Another member, to wit: William Hoge, from Pennsylvania, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. Benjamin Parke, returned to serve in this House as the delegate from the Indiana Territory of the United States, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution of the Senate, of the twenty-sixth instant, for the appointment of two Chaplains to Congress for the present session; and the same being read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Benjamin H. Latrobe, Surveyor of the Public Buildings at the City of Washington, communicating an explanatory report of the principles on which the South Wing of the Capitol, in the City of Washington, was formed, and the progress which has been made in the completion of the same; which was received and read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said letter and report do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Ely.

Ordered, That the said letter be printed for the use of the members.

The House proceeded to consider the order of the twenty-seventh instant, relative to furnishing newspapers to the members of this House: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. David R. Williams, that the House do agree to the following order, with the preamble thereto in lieu of, and as a substitute for, the said resolution, in the words following, to wit:

"Whereas doubts have arisen as to the construction of the resolve of yesterday, respecting the procuring of newspapers for the members of the House of Representatives: to remove which,

"*Ordered*, That the Clerk be directed to procure newspapers from any number of offices that the members shall elect: *Provided*, the expense do not exceed the amount of three daily newspapers:"

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On a motion made and seconded that the House do now proceed to the appointment of the standing committees, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House: Whereupon,

Another motion was made by Mr. Blount, and seconded, to amend the said motion, by adding the words "by ballot."

It passed in the negative, § Yeas 24,
 § Nays 87.

The yeas and nays being demanded on the said motion by one-fifth of the members present,

Those voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
John Campbell,
Howell Cobb,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
James M. Garnett,

Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Edward Lloyd,
John Randolph,
Samuel Riker,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Archibald Van Horne,
Isaac Wilbour.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston, junior,
Willis Alston, junior,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, junior,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Josiah Masters,

William M'Creery,
William Milner,
Daniel Montgomery, junior,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
James Withersall.

The question then recurring on the original motion : Whereupon,
Ordered, That a Committee of Elections be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Findley, Mr. David R. Williams, Mr. Matthew Clay, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Blake, Mr. Sturges, and Mr. Elliot.

Ordered, That a Committee of Claims be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Holmes, Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Humphreys.

Ordered, That a Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Newton, Mr. M'Creery, Mr. Cutts, Mr. Dana, Mr. Marion, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Porter.

Ordered, That a Committee of Ways and Means be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. George W. Campbell, Mr. Willis Alston, Mr. Eppes, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Fisk, and Mr. Montgomery, of Maryland.

Ordered, That a Committee on the Public Lands be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Boyle, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, Mr. Goodwyn, Mr. Russell, Mr. Darby, Mr. Ely, and Mr. Smet.

Ordered, That a Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Clopton, Mr. Van Rensselaer, and Mr. Durell.

Ordered, That a Committee of Accounts be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, Mr. Stedman, and Mr. Milner.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29, 1807.

Another member, to wit : William Blackledge, from North Carolina, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a report from the Secretary of the Navy, of the extraordinary expenses incurred by that Department for the year one thousand eight hundred and seven ; which were read, and ordered to be printed.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter and report of the principal clerk in the office of the late Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States, of the execution of the resolution of the House, of the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and seven ; which were read and received : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said letter and report be referred to the Committee of Accounts.

The Speaker also laid before the House sundry documents touching the elections of the members returned to serve in this House, for the State of Virginia ; which being received,

Ordered, That the said documents, together with all the documents touching of elections of members to this House, from the several States, and the elections for the delegates from the several Territories, be referred to the Committee of Elections.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Ordered, That the petition of Andre Joseph Villard, presented to this House on the eighteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, with a report of a select committee thereon, be referred to Mr. Jacob Richards, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Newbold, Mr. J. K. Smith, and Mr. Culpeper ; that they examine the matter thereof, and report their opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Executive of the State of New York, enclosing sundry resolutions of the Legislature thereof, relative to the protection of the port of New York ; which were read, and ordered to be printed.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands do inquire into the expediency of laying off, and describing, by certain metes and bounds, a tract of country to which the Indian title hath been extinguished, within the limits of Louisiana, and to include all

the settlements within the said Territory ; and of having the said tract of country laid off into townships and sections, half and quarter sections, agreeable to the several laws heretofore made, for surveying the public lands of the United States ; and also, to inquire into the expediency of granting one quarter of a section to every free male white person who now resides thereon, or who will, within —— years, actually improve and reside thereon.

The question thereupon being taken, it passed in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Dawson, and seconded, the House resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read as follows :

Resolved, That so much of the Message of the President of the United States as relates to aggressions committed within our ports and waters, by foreign armed vessels ; to violations of our jurisdiction, and to measures necessary for the protection of our ports and harbors, be referred to a select committee.

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to violations of our maritime rights, and to impositions or interdictions of our neutral trade, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to our intercourse with the Indian tribes, be referred to a select committee.

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments, be referred to a select committee.

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to our finances, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Resolved, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to enterprises against the public peace, and to the means of preventing the same, and punishing the authors, be referred to a select committee.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolutions at the Clerk's table ; and the same being again read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Blount, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Burwell, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Riker, Mr. Troup, and Mr. Witherall, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the first resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Cook, Mr. Bibb, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Desha, and Mr. Harris, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the third resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Dawson, Mr. Helms, Mr. Rea, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Butler, Mr. Van Cortlandt, Mr. Champion, and Mr. Storer, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the fourth resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Randolph, Mr. Blackledge, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Hoge, Mr. Masters, and Mr. Wilbour, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the sixth resolution.

On motion of Mr. Thomas, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States ; and that the said committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise :

Ordered, That the said resolution do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have appointed the Reverend Mr. Gantt, to be one of the Chaplains to Congress, on their part. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Southard, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, proceed, by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on their part :

And the question being taken thereon, it passed in the affirmative.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1807.

The House proceeded to consider the motion made yesterday by Mr. Thomas, which was ordered to lie on the table, in the words following to wit :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and what, amendments are necessary to be made in the acts establishing a post office and post roads within the United States ; and, that the said committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

And the question being taken that the House do agree to the same,
It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee Mr. Southard, Mr. Kenan, Mr. Verplanck, Mr. Green, Mr. Carlton, Mr. Chittenden, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Knight, Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Trigg, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Lemuel J. Alston, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Van Horne, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and Mr. Howard, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands do inquire into the expediency of laying off and describing, by certain metes and bounds, a tract of country, to which there is no existing Indian title, within the limits of the Territory of Orleans, and to include all the settlements on the West side of the river Mississippi, within the said Territory, and of having the said tract of country laid off into townships, sections, half and quarter sections, agreeably to the several laws heretofore made for surveying the public lands of the United States ; and also to inquire into the expediency of granting one quarter of a section to every free male white person who now resides thereon, or who will, within ——— years, actually improve and reside thereon :

And the question being taken that the House do agree to the same,
It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said resolution be printed for the use of the members.

Mr. Van Cortlandt presented a petition and memorial of Joshua Barney, of the city of Baltimore, which was received and read, stating his claim to a seat in this House, as the Representative for the said city of Baltimore, instead of William M'Creery, who hath been returned to serve as one of the members for the fifth district of the State of Maryland.

Ordered, That the said petition and memorial be referred to the Committee of Elections.

On motion of Mr. M'Creery,

Ordered, That the petition of the inspectors of the customs for the port of Baltimore, praying an increase of their compensations, presented to the House on the twenty-first of February last, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Desha presented the petition of Judas Levi, which was received and read, praying an augmentation of the pension heretofore allowed him by law, in consideration of wounds and other injuries received whilst a private in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On motion of Mr. Quincy,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Beebee, of the city of New York, presented to this House on the sixth of November, one thousand eight hundred and four, and the petition of Edward Weld, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, presented on the fifth of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be severally referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders as are proper to be observed in this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Winns, Mr. Gray, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Gardner, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Willis Alston,

Ordered, That the letter and report of Benjamin H. Latrobe, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table, on the twenty-eighth instant, be referred to the committee last appointed.

The House proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, on the part of this House ; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of the Reverend Mr. Brown.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1807.

Several other members, to wit : from Massachusetts, Ezekiel Bacon ; from New York, Gurdon S. Mumford ; from North Carolina, James Holland ; from Kentucky, Matthew Lyon ; and from South Carolina, Richard Winn ; appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

On motion of Mr. Quincy,

That the journal of this House, of the first day of the present session, be so amended as to express the date of the Proclamation of the President of the United States, therein referred to,

The question was taken thereupon, that the journal be so amended,

And it was resolved in the affirmative :

And thereupon, the said amendment was made accordingly, by filling up the first blank therein contained, with the word thirtieth, and the second blank with the word July.

On a motion made by Mr. Thomas,

Ordered, That he be excused from serving on the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, and that Mr. Mumford be appointed of the said committee in his stead.

Mr. Van Rensselaer presented a petition of Joseph Knox, of the county of Montgomery, in the State of New York, which was received and read, praying compensation for money advanced at Niagara, in the years one thousand seven hundred and sixty-three, and one thousand seven hundred and sixty-four; for the payment of troops at that post; and for a sleigh and two horses furnished to transport ordnance to Canada, for the army commanded by General Montgomery, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

Mr. Gardner also presented a petition of Nathan Babbit, of the county of Cheshire, in the State of New Hampshire, praying compensation for his services as a surgeon's mate in the military hospital at Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That the memorial of Robert Peters, and others, of the City of Washington, presented on the fourteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Samuel Smith, and Mr. Dana; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Fisk,

Ordered, That the petition of William Kincaid, of the State of Vermont, presented on the sixth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Quincy,

Ordered, That the petitions of Paul Revere, and Joseph W. Revere, presented the twenty-fourth of February, and of Thomas Leach, Levi Tower, and Abraham Tower, on behalf of themselves and others, presented the third of March, in the present year, be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

Ordered, That the letter from the President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Assembly, of the State of New York, enclosing resolutions of the Legislature thereof, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session, as relates "to the aggressions committed within our ports and harbors by foreign armed vessels; to violations of our jurisdiction; and to measures necessary for the protection of our ports and harbors."

On motion of Mr. Van Cortlandt,

Ordered, That the petition of Peter Charles L'Enfant, presented the third of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1807.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That so much of the memorial of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory, presented to this House on the twenty-seventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, as relates to the several acts of Congress, "regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee," praying that the same may be revised and amended, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands; and that the said committee have leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That so much of the memorial of the Legislative Council and House of Re-

representatives of the Mississippi Territory, as relates to an extension of the right of suffrage in said Territory, be referred to a Select Committee; and that the said committee have leave to report thereon, by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Barker, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Morrow, of Virginia, and Mr. Poindexter, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the last resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from William Eaton, enclosing a communication from Hamet Bashaw Carameli, ex-bashaw of Tripoli, stating the distressed situation to which he has been, and is now reduced, and praying relief from the Government of the United States, together with a representation from the said William Eaton, relative to the justice and equity of the said claim, for sundry reasons therein mentioned.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the said letter and communication be referred to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Smith, of Virginia, Mr. Holland, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Montgomery, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Taggart, and Mr. Lyon; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and memorial from Duncan M'Farland, of the State of North Carolina, accompanied with sundry documents, stating his claim to a seat in this House, in the room of John Culpeper, who hath been returned as the member from the seventh elective district of the said State.

Ordered, That the said letter, memorial, and documents, be referred to the Committee of Elections.

Mr. Storer presented a petition of sundry citizens of the State of New Hampshire, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Portsmouth through Durham, Northwood, and Epsom, to Concord in the said State.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Loudoun, in the State of Virginia, praying that a post road may be established from the town of Trap, in Maryland, to the town of Leesburg, in the said State of Virginia.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post roads.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the Court House in Salem, to the Court House at Sandy Hill, in the State of New York.

On motion of Mr. Swart,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Offices and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the Hamilton Glass House, through Guelderland and Bern, to Schoharie Court House; from thence through Middleburg by Cobettskill, and through Worcester to Colliers, on the Susquehanna river, in the State of New York.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Ash Court House, in the State of North Carolina, by Elizabethtown, in Carter county, to Jonesborough, in the State of Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of abolishing the office of surveyor for the port of Thomas-ton, in the district of Waldoborough; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Porter,

Ordered, That the petition of Mary Fanning Hibbs, of the State of Pennsylvania, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table, on the twenty-first of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1807.

Mr. Nelson presented petitions from sundry qualified electors of Montgomery county, in the third Congressional district of the State of Maryland, and of that part of Frederick county, included in the said district, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein stated, that the election of Philip Barton Key, the sitting member in this House for the said district, may be vacated and annulled; and that such order may be taken thereupon as may be agreeable to the Constitution and laws of the United States, and to the rules of this House.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That the petition of Jonathan Snowden, presented the nineteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and four, with the accompanying documents, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Quincy presented a petition of Joseph White, junior, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, merchant, praying a debenture for the drawback of duties on fifty-two boxes of sugar, shipped by the memorialist from Newport, in Rhode Island, to Boston, in Massachusetts, on board the schooner Silver Spring, and entered for exportation at the port of Boston for Malaga, and actually reshipped on board the schooner Success, for that purpose; which debenture has hitherto been refused, in consequence of the neglect of the consignee who received the said sugar from on board the schooner Silver Spring, to make a particular coast-wise entry for the benefit of the drawback, to which the petitioner conceives himself to be justly entitled.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the post road from New Milford, through Balls-town, Palermo, and Davis-town, to Belfast, and of discontinuing the post road from Pittston to Wiscasset; and of establishing post roads in the District of Maine, from Wiscasset, through New Milford, Jefferson, Palermo, and Montville, to Belfast; and from Pittston, through Dresden, to Wiscasset; and from Warren, through Union, to Hope.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Augusta, in the county of Bracken, to Cinthiana, in the county of Harrison, in the State of Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Van Allen,

Resolved, That the Committee of Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the city of Hudson, to New Lebanon, in the county of Columbia, in the State of New York.

Mr. Van Allen presented a petition of Hackaliah Doolittle, of Hillsdale county, in the State of New York, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received at the White Plains, whilst a private in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Mr. Seaver presented a petition of John Carterett, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying a balance of pay for his services as a cooper, in the Commissary's Department at Boston, from the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, to the thirty-first of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of Philip Turner, of the State of New York, praying compensation for his services as Surgeon General of the army of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petitions were severally read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

Ordered, That the petition of Reuben Colbourn, presented to this House on the third of January, one thousand eight hundred, be also referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Seaver presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from the said town of Newport, through Tiverton, Troy, Freestown, Berkley, and Taunton, to Boston, in the State of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow,

Ordered, That the several petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, presented on the sixteenth and nineteenth of January, and twelfth of February, in the present year, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, of Maryland,

Ordered, That the memorial of James Jay, of the State of New York, presented to this House on the thirteenth of January last, praying the adjustment and settlement of

his claims, for moneys advanced, and for services rendered to the United States, of a peculiar, secret, and interesting nature, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, together with a report of the Secretary of State thereon, made on the twenty sixth of the same month of January, be referred to Mr. Jones, Mr. Stanford, Mr. Van Allen, Mr. Upham, and Mr. Heister; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the several memorials and petitions heretofore presented to this House for and against the erection of a bridge over the Potomac river, and the papers and documents accompanying the same, together with the report of a select committee thereon, made on the twenty-first of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, be severally referred to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Mosely, Mr. Swart, Mr. Bard, and Mr. Franklin; and that the said committee have leave to report thereon, by bill, or otherwise.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1807.

A motion was made by Mr. Gardenier, of New York, that the House do come to the following resolution, with a preamble thereto, in the words following, to wit:

"Whereas an error is discovered in the journals of this House by the total omission of the name of Barent Gardenier, on the question by yeas and nays, taken on the twenty-eighth of October last:

Resolved, That the journals of this House, of the twenty-eighth of October last, be amended, by placing the name of Barent Gardenier among those who voted in the negative, on the amendment proposed by Mr. Blount to the motion for proceeding to the appointment of Standing Committees."

And resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the several petitions and memorials of John Baker, William Coleman, James Collingworth, and others, James Callier, Young Gaines, the Grand Jurors of Washington District, in the Mississippi Territory, Edwin Lewis, Samuel Mims, and John Pickering, heretofore presented to this House, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Dana,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire what compensation should be allowed for issuing commissions giving authority to take testimony, or examinations, relative to claims or applications under the act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Dana, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Ilsley, Mr. Gardenier, and Mr. Jenkins, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, to whom were referred the certificates and other credentials, of the members returned to serve in this House, made a report, in part, thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth:

"It appears to your committee, upon examination, that the credentials of the following members are sufficient to entitle them to their seats in this House, to wit:

From New Hampshire,

Peter Carlton,
Francis Gardner,
Daniel M. Durell,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Clement Storer.

From Massachusetts,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
John Chandler,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
William Ely,
Daniel Ilsley,
Ebenezer Seaver,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Joseph B. Varnum,
Jabez Upham.

From Rhode Island,	{ Nehemiah Knight, Isaac Willbourn.
From Connecticut,	{ Epaphroditus Champion, Samuel W. Dana, John Davenport, jun. Jonathan O. Mosely, Timothy Pitkin, jr. Lewis B. Sturges, Benjamin Tallmadge.
From Vermont,	{ Martin Chittenden, James Elliot, James Fisk, James Witherall.
From New York,	{ John Blake, junior, George Clinton, jun. Barent Gardenier, Reuben Humphreys, John Harris, William Kirkpatrick, Josiah Masters, Gurdon S. Mumford, Samuel Riker, John Russell, Peter Swart, David Thomas, John Thompson, James J. Van Allen, Daniel C. Verplanck, Philip Van Cortlandt, Killian K. Van Rensselaer.
From New Jersey,	{ Ezra Darby, William Helms, John Lambert, Henry Southard, Thomas Newbold, James Sloan.
From Pennsylvania,	{ David Bard, Robert Brown, Joseph Clay, William Findley, John Heister, William Hoge, Robert Jenkins, James Kelly, Daniel Montgomery, William Milner, John Porter, John Rea, Jacob Richards, Matthias Richards, John Smilie, Samuel Smith, Robert Whitehill.
From Delaware,	Nicholas Van Dyke.
From Maryland,	{ John Campbell, Charles Goldsborough, Edward Lloyd, John Montgomery, Nicholas R. Moore, Archibald Van Horne.

From Virginia,

Burwell Bassett,
William A. Burwell,
John Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Dawson,
John W. Eppes,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Randolph,
John Smith,
Abraham Trigg,
Alexander Wilson.

From Kentucky,

John Boyle,
Joseph Desha,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Rowan.

From North Carolina,

Evan Alexander,
Thomas Blount,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Kenan,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Richard Stanford.

From South Carolina,

Lemuel J. Alston,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Robert Marion,
John Taylor,
Richard Wynn.

From Georgia,

William W. Bibb,
Howell Cobb,
Dennis Smelt,
George M. Troup.

From Tennessee,

George W. Campbell,
John Rhea,
Jesse Wharton.

From Ohio,

Jeremiah Morrow.

From the Mississippi Territory,

George Poindexter, *Delegate.*"

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making further appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the accompanying documents, be printed for the use of the members.

On motion made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States, as relates to "aggressions committed within our ports and waters by foreign armed vessels ; to violations of our jurisdiction, and to measures necessary for the protection of our ports and harbors," be instructed to inquire into the circumstances of the attack made on the frigate Chesapeake, in June last, and the pretexts or causes assigned for making it ; and to report the same, in detail, to this House :

The question was taken thereupon.

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 24,
 { Nays 93.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
William Milner.

Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
James J. Van Allen,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge.
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
John Chandler,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms.

William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Ilsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
John Lowe,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard.

Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Philip Van Cortlandt,

Archibald Van Horne,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherall.

And so the said motion was rejected.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have appointed Mr. Robinson, of the Committee for Enrolled Bills, on their part. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Fisk,

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution of the Senate : Whereupon, *Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the same, and that Mr. Garnett and Mr. Bacon be appointed a Committee for Enrolled Bills, on the part of this House.

On motion of Mr. Fisk,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Buck, of the State of Vermont, presented to this House on the twentieth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1807.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report, and sundry documents, marked A, B, C, and D, prepared in obedience to "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Treasury Department ;' which were read, and, on motion of Mr. Willis Alston, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from William Henry Harrison, Governor of the Indiana Territory of the United States, enclosing certain resolutions passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Territory, relative to a suspension, for a certain period, of the sixth article of compact between the United States, and the Territories and States Northwest of the river Ohio, made the thirtieth of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven ; which were received, and read.

On motion of Mr. Parke,

Ordered, That the said letter and resolutions be referred to Mr. Jacob Richards, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Love, Mr. Sloan, Mr. Deane, Mr. Davenport, and Mr. Parke ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House certain proceedings, together with a memorial of the citizens of Clark county, in the Indiana Territory, signed by John Beggs, their Chairman, and attested by Davis Floyd, their Secretary, in opposition to the letter and resolutions of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Territory, hereinbefore recited, so far as the same relates to the toleration and admission of slaves within the same.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said proceedings and memorial be referred to the select committee last appointed.

Mr. Van Rensselaer presented a petition of sundry tanners, curriers, and others, inhabitants of the city of Schenectady, in the State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a law may be passed by Congress, prohibiting the exportation of raw hides and skins from the United States to any foreign port or place, for the reasons therein stated.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Lewis, from the committee appointed on the fourth instant, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of Ludwig Kuhn, of the city of Philadelphia, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for money advanced, and sundry articles of clothing furnished the army of the United States at Fort Washington, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of John Evans, of Monongalia county, in the State of Virginia, stating that a certain David Scott, who has been placed on the list of pensioners of the United States, is not, for certain reasons mentioned by the petitioner, entitled to the benefit of the same; and praying that such proceedings may be had therein, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a petition of sundry citizens of the town of Lebanon, and its vicinity, in the county of Warren, and State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying an alteration in the post road from Chillicothe to Cincinnati, so as that the same may pass through the said town of Lebanon.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1807.

On motion of Mr. Parke,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations ought to be made in the laws fixing the salaries of the Secretaries of the Mississippi, Indiana, Louisiana, and Michigan Territories; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Bassett, Mr. Matthias Richards, Mr. Key, Mr. Bacon, and Mr. Sawyer, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of Samuel Glyn, only son and representative of Samuel Glyn, of the State of Virginia, deceased, praying that he may receive the pay and other emoluments due for the services of the deceased, as a private in the Virginia line on continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Mr. Boyle presented a memorial of Return J. Meigs, junior, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, witnesses on behalf of the United States, against Aaron Burr, attending the Circuit Court for the Virginia district, at the city of Richmond, in the month of September last, praying that an additional allowance to the compensation fixed by law, may be granted to the memorialists, for the reasons therein stated.

Mr. Tallmadge presented a petition of Adonijah Strong, of Salisbury, in the State of Connecticut, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for his services as an officer of artillery in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petitions and memorial be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Key presented a memorial of the Mayor and citizens of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, in opposition to the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, agreeably to the provisions contained in a bill now depending before the House.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Key,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill, be postponed until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire what further provision ought to be made by law for defraying the expenses arising from the impeachment of Samuel Chase.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen, in the State of New Jersey, praying the establishment of a post office at Patterson Landing, and that a new post road may be established from thence to the city of New York, presented on the eighteenth of February last, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Mumford presented a memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty, of the city of New York, for and in behalf of the Corporation and inhabitants thereof, pray-

ing that such appropriations may be made, and efficacious measures taken, for the protection and defence of the said city and its harbor, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed the twenty-ninth ultimo, on so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates "to aggressions committed within our ports and waters by foreign armed vessels; to violations of our jurisdiction, and to measures necessary for the protection of our ports and harbors."

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Kennebec, in the District of Maine, praying the establishment of a post road from Hallowell to Norridgewock; from thence through Madison to Anson; and from Norridgewock aforesaid, through Starks and Industry, to Farmington, presented on the ninth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making further appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read; and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Smilie presented a petition of the messengers of the Departments of State, Treasury, War, and Navy, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that an additional compensation may be allowed to them, severally, for their services in the capacity aforesaid, for the reasons therein stated.

Mr. Smilie also presented a petition of Alexander M'Donald, messenger to the office of the Register of the Treasury of the United States, to the same effect.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth ultimo, the memorial of Joshua Barney, of the State of Maryland, stating his claim to a seat in this House, as one of the Representatives for the said State, in the room of William M'Creery, who hath been returned as duly elected, made a report, in part, thereupon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1807.

Mr. Gardner presented a petition of Abraham Gale, of the county of Cheshire, in the State of New Hampshire, praying the renewal of a certain certificate of public debt, the property of the petitioner, which hath not been funded, and is stated to have been lost by accident.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

An engrossed bill making further appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, was read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 124,
 { Nays 2.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,

William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,

William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Isley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,

Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Phillip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherall.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Hoge,

David R. Williams.

Resolved, That the title of the said bill be, "An act making further appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Van Horne presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Washington,

in the Territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that so much of a law of Congress, passed on the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and two, and which expired, by its own limitation, on the first of May, in the present year, as relates to the incorporation of a company for the purpose of opening and completing a canal in the city of Washington, may be revived and continued, and that such rights, powers, and privileges, may be vested in, and granted to, the said company, as may be deemed most proper for effecting the object stated by the petitioners.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Van Horne, Mr. Wharton, Mr. Rowan, Mr. Van Allen, and Mr. Love; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Clopton, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine and report such laws of the United States as have expired, or are near expiring, made a report, in part, thereupon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1807.

Mr. Porter presented a petition of Oliver Eyans, stating that, by a late decision of the Circuit Court of the United States, for the District of Pennsylvania, the patent issued to the petitioner for improvements in the art of manufacturing flour and meal, has been declared insufficient and void; and praying that the Department of State may be authorized to grant him a new patent for the purpose aforesaid, or such other relief afforded to the petitioner, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Crowninshield, Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Thomas, Mr. John Montgomery, and Mr. Goodwyn; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, Chairman of the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, presented to the House a letter addressed to him from Gideon Granger, Postmaster General of the United States, accompanied with sundry applications and petitions for the establishment of new post roads, and the alteration of existing post roads, as follow:

1. For a post road from Staunton, in the State of Ohio, to Fort Wayne.
2. For increasing the number of mails between Williamsburg and Caswell Court House, in the State of North Carolina.
3. A representation from the Postmaster at Natchez, stating the propriety of discontinuing the cross post from Tombigby to Natchez, in the Mississippi Territory.
4. For the establishment of a cross post from Mifflington to Fannetsburg, in Pennsylvania.
5. For the establishment of a post road from Camden to Fort Dearborn, in South Carolina.
6. For the establishment of a post office in the town of Harmony, in Butler county, Pennsylvania.
7. For the establishment of a post road from Deerfield, in Trumbull county, in the State of Ohio, by Canton, Lawrenceville, and New Philadelphia, to Gnadenhutzen.
8. For the establishment of a post road from Rocky Mount to Hill's Iron-works, in the State of South Carolina.
9. For the establishment of a post road from Wheeling, by the way of Waynesburg, to Morgantown, in the State of Virginia.

The said letter was read, and, together with the several applications and petitions referred to therein, ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Thomas Moore,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Greenville Court House, in the State of South Carolina, to pass from thence, by Shackelford's Store, Cross Anchor, The Keys, O'Neal's, Captain Henderson's, and Major John Hampton's, to Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be directed to inquire into the expediency of making further provision for the sale of the sections heretofore reserved for the future disposition of Congress, and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Hoge presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Burgetstown, in Washington county, and State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying an alteration in the post road from Steubenville to Georgetown, on the river Ohio, so as the same may pass through Burgetstown aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Cutts presented a memorial of Jeremiah Hill, Collector of the Customs for the District of Biddeford and Pepperelborough, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the name of the said District may be changed to that of Biddeford and Saco, for the reasons stated by the memorialist.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Smith,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Kittanning, in the county of Armstrong, through Franklin, to Meadville, in the State of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the petition of William Wilson, John Potts, and David Easton, of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, relative to the capture of a vessel and cargo, the property of the petitioners, by the French privateer the *Sans Parcille*, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, and the subsequent condemnation thereof, presented to this House on the eleventh of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, with the accompanying documents, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Resolved, That the committee, to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of selling to individual States or Territories, which may wish to purchase, any arms or ordnance owned by the United States, and which may be parted with without injury to the public.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

Ordered, That leave be given to prepare and bring in a bill to amend and explain the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight;" and that Mr. Randolph, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Southard, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Gardenier, Mr. Tallmadge, and Mr. Barker, be appointed the said committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the erection of a Bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have appointed the Reverend Mr. McCormick a Chaplain to Congress, for the present session, on their part, in the room of the Reverend Dr. Gantt, who hath declined that appointment. And then he withdrew.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1807.

Two other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Jacob Crowninshield; and from Pennsylvania, Joseph Clay; appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. Clopton presented a petition of William Fontaine, of the State of Virginia, in behalf of the heirs of James Fontaine, deceased, praying compensation for the value of a horse, the property of the deceased, which was taken by the Indians, in the expedition commanded by General Harmer, in the year 1790.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, the petition of Hackaliah Doolittle, of the State of New York, made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That Hackaliah Doolittle have leave to withdraw his petition and papers accompanying the same.

Mr. Sturges presented a memorial of the Society of Journeymen Hatters, known by the name of the "True Assistant Society," in the town of Danbury, and State of Connecticut, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that an additional duty may be imposed, by law, on hats imported from foreign countries into the United States.

Mr. Wilbour presented a petition of Constant Taber, and others, of the town of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, praying relief in the case of the capture and condemnation of the ship William and her cargo, by a French privateer called the *Eagle*, for the reasons therein stated.

The said memorial and petition were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, in the State of Maryland, and of Cumberland and Adams counties, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that a post road may be established from Fredericktown, in Maryland, to pass through Cregarstown, Emmetsburg, and Gettysburg, to Carlisle, in the State of Pennsylvania, presented on the nineteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing additional compensation to the Board of Commissioners for ascertaining claims to land West of Pearl river, in the Mississippi Territory, pursuant to an act, entitled "An act registering the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee;" and that they report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Porter,

Ordered, That the petition of Jared Shattuck, a subject of the King of Denmark, by Elliston and John Perot, of the city of Philadelphia, his agents and attorneys, praying relief in the case of a vessel and cargo, the property of the petitioner, illegally captured by a public armed vessel of the United States, and afterwards recaptured by a British privateer, which was presented to this House on the twenty-eighth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented a memorial of Archibald McCall, of Philadelphia, merchant, on behalf of himself and others, praying an extension of the time in which the oath shall be taken and the bonds given, in cases of goods exported entitled to drawback, and that the forfeitures already incurred by accident, mistake, or misfortune, may be remitted to them.

Mr. Joseph Clay also presented a memorial of Stephen Kingston, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, praying that Congress will be pleased to take into consideration and ultimately decide on his memorial, presented to this House on the eleventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and three, for the drawback of duties on a quantity of cinnamon, muslins, and loaf sugar, exported by him some time in the month of July, one thousand eight hundred and one.

The said memorial and petition were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented a petition of Philip Wilson, sen., of the city of Philadelphia, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for a quantity of rice and claret, furnished for the use of the hospital department, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry documents, transmitted to him by Duncan MacFarland, of the State of North Carolina, relative to his claim to a seat in this House, as a representative for the said State, in the room of John Culpeper; which were ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

On motion of Mr. Dana,

Ordered, That there be printed, for the use of this House, in such form as the Speaker may direct, one thousand copies of the Constitution of the United States, with the amendments which have been ratified.

On motion of Mr. John Montgomery,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Belle-Air, in Maryland, to Glasgow's Store, near the Peach Bottom ferry, on the river Susquehanna, in the State of Pennsylvania, and from thence to Lancaster, in the same State.

On motion of Mr. Darby,

Ordered, That the petition of the Baptist Congregation in the city of Washington, praying that an act of incorporation may be passed for the benefit of the said corporation, which was presented to this House on the eighth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to Mr. Darby, Mr. Taggart, and Mr. Culpeper; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, description of claims against the United States, are now barred by the statute of limitation, which, in reason and justice, ought to be provided for by law; and that the said committee have leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Cook, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Wilbour, Mr. Jedediah K. Smith, Mr. Mosely, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Helms, Mr. Milnor, Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, Mr. Clopton, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Holland, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Smelt, Mr. Morrow, of Ohio, Mr. Desha, and Mr. Wharton, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Crowninshield presented a petition of B. P. Ckman and others, merchants of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying for the reasons therein stated, that they may be permitted to land a quantity of Bandannah handkerchiefs, which they have directed to be imported in the ship Java, from Calcutta, in the East Indies, in case the act for prohibiting the importation of the same should be in effect at the time of the arrival of the said ship at the port of Salem, on satisfactory security, given by the petitioners, that the said handkerchiefs, or any other prohibited articles which may be brought in the said ship, shall be exported without the limits of the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented a petition of William Levis and Hugh Maxwell, of the city of Philadelphia, proposing to furnish one hundred and thirty-three sets of Folwell's edition of the Journals of Congress, under the former Government of the United States, for the use of the members of both Houses, on such terms and conditions as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Hsley, Mr. Champion, Mr. Blake, and Mr. John Smith; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Barker, from the committee appointed, on the third instant, presented, according to order, a bill to extend the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of Martha Wyatt, of the State of Virginia, widow of Pitman Wyatt, deceased, praying that the pension heretofore granted to the deceased, in consideration of services rendered, and a wound received by him whilst a soldier in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, may be extended to the petitioner; or such other relief afforded to her, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. George Washington Campbell presented a memorial of John Clarke and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, submitting certain propositions to the consideration of Congress, for promoting the interests of agriculture and commerce, in the Western parts of the United States; and praying that the same may be granted for the convenience and benefit of the memorialists and others.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. George W. Campbell, Mr. Jones, Mr. Blackledge, Mr. Butler, Mr. Durell, Mr. Seaver, and Mr. Humphreys; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Findley,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia, be postponed until to-morrow.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Elections, to whom was referred the memorial of Joshua Barney, of the State of Maryland; and, after some time

spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1807.

On motion of Mr. Mumford,

Ordered, That the petition of the Inspectors of the Customs of the city and port of New York, and the memorial of sundry Measurers of Salt and Coal of the said city, respectively praying an additional allowance to the compensations granted them by law, presented on the fifth and seventeenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, together with a letter and report of the Secretary of the Treasury, made on the sixteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented a petition of Jacob Ritter, junior, of the city of Philadelphia, praying a drawback of the duty on sixty-four cannisters of sugar, shipped on board the ship *Fair American*, from Philadelphia to Amsterdam, some time in the month of June, one thousand eight hundred and six, which drawback has been hitherto refused, in consequence of the petitioner having omitted to take the oath within the time prescribed by law.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Butler presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Martintown and its vicinity, in Edgefield District, and State of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post office may be established at Martintown aforesaid, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners, and other inhabitants of the said district.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Pitkin presented a memorial of Gideon Edwards, of the town of Coventry, in the State of Connecticut, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received, whilst a private in the army of the United States, in the expedition commanded by General St. Clair, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Mr. Crowninshield presented a petition of Joel Chase, of Shaftsbury, in the State of Vermont, stating a claim for bounty and other allowances, to which he conceives himself justly entitled for his services as a private, in the fifteenth Massachusetts regiment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, and which have been deducted on a settlement of his account.

Mr. Storer presented a memorial of John B. Walbach, a Lieutenant in the army of the United States, and Aid-de-Camp to Brigadier General James Wilkinson, in the year one thousand eight hundred and one, praying compensation for extra services rendered, and a valuable horse lost by the memorialist, whilst acting in the capacity aforesaid.

Mr. Wharton presented a petition of Samuel Doak, of the State of Tennessee, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of wounds received in an engagement with the Indians, whilst a Captain of a company of militia, under the orders of General Joseph Martin, for the defensive protection of the frontiers of North Carolina, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight.

The said memorials and petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Jones, from the committee to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, the memorial of James Jay, of the State of New York, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, praying the establishment of a post road from Winslow, through Clinton to Fairfax, in the said District, presented on the thirtieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Mumford,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Clason, of the city of New York, merchant, praying an allowance of drawback on a quantity of sugar exported by the petitioner to Am-

sterdam, which was presented to this House on the fifth of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the sixth instant, a petition of sundry tanners, curriers, and other inhabitants of the city of Schenectady, in the State of New York, made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Elections, to whom was referred the memorial of Joshua Barney, of the State of Maryland; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a further progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The order of the day was further postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1807.

Two other members, to wit: from Virginia, Wilson Carey Nicholas; and from North Carolina, Nathaniel Macon; appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to them by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the propriety of establishing a post road from Lewisburg, in Virginia, to Lexington, in Kentucky, upon the following route: to pursue the road opened by Virginia, from the upper navigation of the James river, to the highest navigation of the Kanawa; from thence, down the Kanawa, to the mouth of Cole river; from thence, across through Tease's valley, to the mouth of Big Sandy river; from thence, along the road now opening by the State of Kentucky, to Mount Sterling; and from thence, passing through Winchester, to Lexington.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, during the present session, the several petitions of Nathan Babbitt, Abraham Gale, Samuel Glyn, Ludwig Kuhn, Philip Turner, and Philip Wilson, senior, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth instant, "to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, description of claims against the United States are barred by the statute of limitations, which, in reason and justice, ought to be provided for by law."

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Ordered, That the petition and memorial of Samuel Brook Beall, of the State of Maryland, presented to this House on the twenty-second of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, and seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and two, respectively praying the renewal and payment of certain final settlement certificates, which were casually lost some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, be referred to the select committee last mentioned.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Clay,

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to lay before this House an account or estimate of the purchases of merchandise and supplies made on behalf of the United States by the Superintendent of Indian trade, by the Purveyor of Public Supplies, and by the Military Agents in the different districts, for the three years ending on the thirtieth day of September last; specifying, as far as may be practicable, the amount purchased, for what department, at what place, and by what officer; together with the emoluments, commissions, or salary allowed to such officer.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to lay before this House an account or estimate of the purchases of merchandise and supplies, made on behalf of the United States, by the Navy Agents in the different ports of the United States, for the three years ending on the thirtieth day of September last; specifying, as far as may be practicable, the amount purchased in each year, at what port, and by what agent; together with the emoluments, commissions, or salary allowed to such agent.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what,

alterations are necessary in the act, entitled "An act for the appointment of an additional Judge for the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes;" and, also, in the act, entitled "An act to allow jurisdiction, in certain cases, to the Territorial Courts;" and that they report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Elliot, Mr. Van Allen, Mr. Key, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Poindexter, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Fairfield county, in the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road be established from Lancaster to Granville, and from thence to Mount Vernon, in the said State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Matthew Clay,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the militia laws; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. M. Clay, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Butler, Mr. Dana, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Helms, and Mr. Desha, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Fisk,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Hartford to Corinth; from Norwich to Newbury; and from Danville to Derby, in the State of Vermont; and, also, a post road from Fryburgh, in Maine, to Danville aforesaid; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of Daniel Buck, of the State of Vermont, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That the petition of Anthony Lamarlere, on behalf of Ferdinand Mullenheim, a subject of the King of Denmark, which was presented to this House on the twenty-fourth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, praying a restoration of the proceeds of sales of a vessel and cargo, the property of the petitioner, together with so much of a report of the Committee of Claims of the eleventh of April, in the same year, as relates to the said petition, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Elections, to whom was referred the memorial of Joshua Barney, of the State of Maryland, stating his claim to a seat in this House, as one of the Representatives for the said State; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The order of the day was further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1807.

Another member, to wit: Marmaduke Williams, from North Carolina, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. Jacob Richards, from the committee to whom was referred, on the sixth instant, a letter from William Henry Harrison, Governor of the Indiana Territory, enclosing certain resolutions passed by the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Territory, relative to a suspension of the sixth article of compact between the United States and the Territories and States Northwest of the river Ohio; and to whom was also referred a memorial of the inhabitants of Clark county, in the said Territory, in opposition to the said resolutions; made a report, in part, thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday, the thirtieth day of the present month.

Mr. Bassett, from the committee appointed on the ninth instant, presented, accord-

ing to order, a bill allowing an additional compensation to the Secretaries of the Mississippi, Indiana, Louisiana, and Michigan Territories; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Poindexter presented to the House a memorial accompanied with certain proceedings of a number of citizens of Wilkinson county, in the Mississippi Territory of the United States, signed by Joshua Baker, their Chairman, and attested by William Connell, their Secretary, stating certain grievances to which they have been, and are now subjected, in relation to the purchase of lands, pre-emption rights, and other important objects therein specified, which they pray may be taken into consideration, and such relief afforded therein, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said memorial and proceedings were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Darby, from the committee appointed on the twelfth instant, presented, according to order, a bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Church, in the city of Washington; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Blount, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates "to aggressions committed within our ports and waters by foreign armed vessels, to violations of our jurisdiction, and to measures necessary for the protection of our ports and harbors," made a report, in part, thereupon; which was twice read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Montgomery,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the post route from Annapolis, through Rock Hall, to Chestertown, in Maryland; and establishing a post route from Baltimore, through Rock Hall, to Chestertown.

On motion of Mr. Taggart,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Onondaga county, in the State of New York, presented the seventh of February last, praying the establishment of a post road from the town of Onondaga, through Pompey, Tully, Homer, and Virgil, to the village of Owego, in the said State, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Ordered, That the proceedings of this day with closed doors, ought to be kept secret.

The question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 22,
 { Nays 104.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
John Chandler,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,

Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
John Lambert,
John Montgomery,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
David Thomas,
Isaac Wilbour.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
David Bard,

Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.

John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 John Campbell,
 Peter Carlton,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Joseph Clay,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Howell Cobb,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Philip B. Key,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Robert Marion,
 William M'Creery,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jr.

Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James J. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Archibald Van Horne,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Clay,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the several acts for the encouragement of learning and promotion of the useful arts; and that the committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Joseph Clay, Mr. Macon, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Mosely, and Mr. Crowninshield, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1807.

Mr. Mumford presented a memorial of sundry merchants of the city of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein stated, that a remission of the duty on copper imported in *round bars*, and in plates or forms denominated *raised bottoms*, for the manufacture of stills within the United States, may be

granted to the memorialists; and that the Collector of the port of New York may be authorized to refund the duty paid on the copper already purchased and sold by them, in the form, and for the purpose aforesaid.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Hebron, in the State of Massachusetts, presented on the fifth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, praying that a post road may be established from Minat, in the county of Cumberland, in the said State, to the town of Hebron aforesaid, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Helms presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the village of Asbury, in the county of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, praying that a post office may be established at the village of Asbury aforesaid, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the said county and State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims to whom were referred, during the present session, the several petitions of John Carterett, Joel Chase, Reuben Colbourn, Joseph Knox, and Adonijah Strong, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petitions be severally referred to the select committee appointed, on the twelfth instant, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

Mr. Clopton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of St. Martin's parish, in the county of Hanover, and State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein mentioned, that the post office established at Chesterfield, in the said county, may be discontinued; and that, in lieu thereof, a post office may be fixed at the store of Mr. Charles Thompson, in the parish and county aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Quincy,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House a copy of his proclamation, interdicting our harbors and waters to British armed vessels, and forbidding intercourse with them, referred to in his message of the twenty-seventh of October last.

Ordered, That Mr. Quincy and Mr. Burwell be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Elections to whom was referred the memorial of Joshua Barney, of the State of Maryland, stating his claim to a seat in this House, as a Representative for the fifth elective district of the said State; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making further appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven." And then he withdrew.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1807.

Mr. Jacob Richards, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, the petition of André Joseph Villard, presented to this House on the eighteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, made a report thereon; which was twice read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday, the thirtieth of the present month.

Mr. Hoge presented a petition of Charles Raitt, a native of Great Britain, but now a resident of Washington county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying the aid and patronage of Congress, by a grant of land, or such other means as may be deemed most advisable, to enable the petitioner to cultivate the *wood plant*, and to manufacture broad cloth within the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Clay,

Ordered, That the petition of John Lohman, of the city of Philadelphia, presented the third of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, praying relief in consideration of his services as a surgeon in the Hospital department of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, and the necessitous circumstances in which he is now placed, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Joseph Clay, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twelfth instant, the petition of William Levis and Hugh Maxwell, of the city of Philadelphia, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

On motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Joseph Clay, from the same committee, also reported a bill authorizing the purchase of certain copies of the Journals of Congress; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

Mr. Winn, from the committee appointed, on the thirtieth ultimo, to prepare and report such standing rules and orders of proceeding as are proper to be observed in this House, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report on the petition of John Evans, referred to him by order of the House, on the sixth instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Smilie presented a petition of Isaac Israel, of Green county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying the liquidation and settlement of his claim, as a Captain in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed on the twelfth instant, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

Mr. Eppes presented a petition of John M'Kinney, Surveyor of the Customs for the port of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, praying an augmentation of the fees and other emoluments allowed him by law, for the reasons therein stated.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Milnor, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the report of the Committee of Elections on the memorial of Joshua Barney, of the State of Maryland.

Ordered, That the said report be recommitted to the Committee of Elections.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to our military and naval establishments, who were instructed by a resolution of this House of the eleventh instant, "to inquire into the expediency of selling to individual States or Territories, which may wish to purchase any arms or ordnance owned by the United States, and which may be parted with without injury to the public," made a report, in part, thereupon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of a Whole House on Wednesday next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

According to the request expressed in your resolution of the eighteenth instant, I now transmit a copy of my proclamation interdicting our harbors and waters, to British armed vessels, and forbidding intercourse with them, referred to in my message of the twenty-seventh of October last.

TH. JEFFERSON.

NOVEMBER 19, 1807.

The said message was read, and, together with the proclamation referred to therein, ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1807.

Ordered, That Mr. Verplanck have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday, the twenty-third instant, until the first day of January next.

On motion of Mr. Burwell,

Ordered, That the petition of Mary Barclay, widow of Thomas Barclay, deceased, presented to this House on the ninth day of February last, praying compensation for the services of the deceased, as diplomatic agent at Morocco, from the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one to the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the third instant, the petition of Mary Fanning Hibbs, of the State of Pennsylvania, be discharged from the consideration thereof.

Ordered, That so much of the said petition as relates to bounty, arrears of pay, and prize money due to her late father, Joshua Fanning, deceased, as an officer of the Navy of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth instant, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

Ordered, That such other parts of the said petition as relate to a claim for three hundred acres of land, due for the services of the deceased, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Parke,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending the ordinance for the Government of the Northwestern Territory, passed the thirteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, so far as relates to the duties of the Supreme or Superior Judges of the Indiana Territory; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Gray, Mr. Stedman, Mr. Marmaduke Williams, Mr. Parke, and Mr. Bard, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Eppes presented a memorial of sundry citizens of the first and second wards of the city of Washington, in the Territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating that the manner of electing the members of the City Council by a general ticket, as authorized by the act of incorporation, passed the twenty-eighth of February, one thousand eight hundred and four, is found by experience to be injurious to the interests of the memorialists, and praying that such alterations may be made in the said act of incorporation as may effectually secure the just rights of the citizens, and promote the general prosperity of the city.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Eppes, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Van Rensselaer, Mr. Hoge, and Mr. Bibb, with leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Parke presented a petition of the Board of Trustees of the University of Vincennes, in the Indiana Territory of the United States, which was received and read, praying that a law may be passed by Congress laying a small duty on salt, made at public salt-works, and also a tax on Indian traders within the Indiana Territory, for the benefit of the institution aforesaid.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill allowing an additional compensation to the Secretaries of the Mississippi, Indiana, Louisiana, and Michigan Territories; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes, be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of William Foster, of the county of Lincoln, in the State of Massachusetts, which was received and read, praying that the pension allowed to him in consideration of wounds received at the battle of Bunker's Hill, whilst a private in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, may be extended from the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-five, to the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, for the reasons therein stated.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth instant, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Ordered, That the petition of Samuel Tucker, of the District of Maine, presented on the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, praying compensation for services in the naval department of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth instant, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

On motion of Mr. Blount,

Ordered, That the memorial of James Campbell, of the State of North Carolina, presented the eleventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, praying for arrears of pay and other emoluments, due to him as an officer of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth instant, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the fifth instant, on the petition of Daniel Buck, of the State of Vermont, be postponed until the first day of January next.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That the petition of James Bonnell, of the State of New Jersey, presented on the sixteenth of February last, and praying the renewal of certain certificates of public debt, the property of the petitioner, which have been casually lost, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth instant, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

Then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1807.

On motion of Mr. Crowninshield,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House furnish the standing committees of this House, and also the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, with such maps as may be required by committees, respectively.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Ordered, That each of the standing committees be furnished by the Clerk of the House with a copy of Graydon's Digest of the Laws of the United States.

On motion of Mr. M'Cree,

Ordered, That the petition of William Smith, of the State of Maryland, presented on the fifteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and five, praying the renewal of certain Loan Office certificates, the property of the petitioner, together with the documents accompanying the same, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth instant, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

Mr. Clopton, from the Committee of Revision and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine the Journal of the last session, and report therefrom such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined, made a further report, in part; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the select committee, of the thirteenth instant, to whom was referred the memorial of James Jay, of the State of New York; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and

directed him to report to the House their agreement to the resolution contained therein ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth :

Resolved, That it shall be lawful for the President of the United States to obtain, by purchase, at a reasonable price, the exclusive right, on behalf of the public, of the system invented by Sir James Jay, as submitted by him to the Executive Department of Government : provided, in the opinion of the President, it will be of public utility and importance to possess the same.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution at the Clerk's table ; and on the question that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 54,
Nays 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
Daniel Halsey,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
Joseph Lewis, junior,

Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
David Thomas,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Kilian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Isaac Wilbour,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Joseph Clay,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
Ezra Darby,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,

William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Robert Jenkins,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Robert Marion,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, junior,
John Morrow,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,
John Smilie.

Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,

John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Archibald Van Horne,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitekill,
David R. Williams.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that Mr. Jones, Mr. Stanford, Mr. Van Allen, Mr. Upham, and Mr. Heister, do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Quincy,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry Inspectors of the Customs for the districts of Boston and Charlestown, in the State of Massachusetts, praying an augmentation of the compensation allowed them by law, which was presented to this House on the twenty-second of January, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Van Cortlandt presented a memorial of Peter Landais, of the State of New York, praying to be allowed his share of prize money in several vessels captured by him while commander of the frigate Alliance, in the service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of John Pitchlynn, by Silas Dinsmoor, his attorney in fact, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services of the petitioner, as interpreter of the United States to the Choctaw nation of Indians, from the first of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, to the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

The said memorial and petition were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Ordered, That the memorial of John Whitney, of the District of Maine, formerly a resident of Nova Scotia, praying relief in consideration of services rendered and losses sustained by the memorialist, by adhering to the American cause during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which was presented to this House on the third of January, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth instant, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

Then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1807.

Mr. Elliot, from the committee appointed on the sixteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill extending jurisdiction, in certain cases, to Territorial Courts, and for other purposes ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Marion presented a petition of James Wilson, junior, of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, merchant, praying relief in the case of a penalty incurred by the petitioner, for a breach of the revenue laws of the United States, on account of the drawback of duty on a quantity of salt shipped from the port of Charleston to the Havana, some time in the month of January last.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Witherall presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the State of Vermont, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying an alteration in the post road from Bennington to Rutland, so that the said route may pass through Dorset, the East part of Rupert, Rawlet, Middletown, Ira, and Clarendon, in the said State ; and that post offices may be established at such places as may be deemed most convenient and proper.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Sloan,

Ordered, That the petition of the inhabitants of the township of Galloway, in the State of New Jersey, presented the fifth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, praying the extension of the post road from Absecon to Leedsburg, in the said township, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Whitehill,

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the townships of Tyrone and Tyboine, in the county of Cumberland; and State of Pennsylvania, presented on the fifth of February last, praying the establishment of a post road from Carlisle, through Landisburg, Hacketts, Shower-mill, and Zimmerman's to Douglass's mill, in the said State, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow,

Resolved, That the committee appointed, on the fifth instant, "to inquire what compensation should be allowed for issuing commissions giving authority to take testimony or examinations relative to claims or applications under the act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war," be instructed to inquire whether provision ought not to be made, by law, for placing on the pension list of the United States, persons who have received wounds in the service subsequent to the Revolutionary war, and who were called into service under any of the several acts of Congress, providing for the protection of the frontiers; such persons having served in the militia, in a volunteer corps, or in the regular forces, or under a special engagement; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Kennebec, in the District of Maine, presented on the fifth of January last, and praying that the town of Augusta may be constituted a port of delivery, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Blount,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Washington, in the State of North Carolina, presented on the twenty-fourth of February last, and praying the establishment of a mail boat, from Shell Castle Island to the said town of Washington, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

An engrossed bill authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia, was read the third time: And after debate thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded, that the said bill be recommitted to the consideration of a select committee:

And the question being taken thereupon, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Mosely, Mr. Swart, Mr. Bard, and Mr. Franklin, with instruction farther to consider the same, and report thereon to the House.

An engrossed bill allowing an additional compensation to the Secretaries of the Mississippi, Indiana, Louisiana, and Michigan Territories, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act allowing an additional compensation to the Secretaries of the Mississippi, Indiana, Louisiana, and Michigan Territories."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom were referred, on the thirtieth ultimo, the petitions of Edward Weld and Samuel Beebe, made a report thereon; which was read, and, together with sundry documents accompanying the same, ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, which was read as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States.

Agreeably to the assurance in my message at the opening of the present session of Congress, I now lay before you a copy of the proceedings, and of the evidence exhibited on the arraignment of Aaron Burr, and others, before the Circuit Court of the United States, held in Virginia, in the course of the present year, in as authentic form as their several parts have admitted.

TH. JEFFERSON.

NOVEMBER 23, 1807.

On motion of Mr. Crowninshield,

Ordered, That the said message, together with the copy of the proceedings and evidence which accompanied the same, be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh ultimo, as relates to enterprises against the public peace, and to the means of preventing the same, and punishing the authors.

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Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth instant, a memorial of sundry measurers of salt and coal, attached to the customs of the New York district, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Blount,

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry merchants, traders, and farmers, on the waters of Roanoke and Cashie rivers, in the District of Edenton, and State of North Carolina, presented on the twenty-sixth of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, and the ninth and sixteenth of November, in the same year, praying that a new collection district may be established, and a custom house, within the same, be fixed at the town of Plymouth, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

Ordered, That the letters and reports from the Commissioners appointed under the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British Provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia," which were laid before this House on the thirteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and five, and twenty-first of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to Mr. Thomas, Mr. Bibb, and Mr. Bacon.

Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom were referred the several petitions of the Inspectors of the Customs for the ports of Baltimore, New York, and Boston, together with a report of the Secretary of the Treasury, of the sixteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and six, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was this day referred the report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the memorial of sundry measurers of salt and coal attached to the Customs of the New York District.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Garnett, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making farther appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven." Whereupon, Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1807.

Ordered, That Mr. Dawson have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for three days.

Mr. Gardner presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of New Hampshire, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Charlestown, through Acworth, Lempster, Washington, Hillsborough, Heniker, Hopkinton, to Concord, and from thence to Portsmouth, in the said State.

Mr. Kelly presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Gettysburg, and its vicinity, in the county of Adams, and State of Pennsylvania, praying the establishment of a post road from Fredericktown, in Maryland, through Creigarstown and Emmetsburg, to Gettysburg ; and that the present post road from York to Hagerstown, be abolished for the reasons therein specified.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Brown presented a petition of Casper Reeser, surviving executor of the last will and testament of Ulrich Reeser, late of the county of Northampton, and Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, deceased, praying that the proper officers of the Treasury Department may be authorized to receive and admit the amount of certain loan office certificates, the property of the deceased, which, owing to the reasons therein stated, have not been funded within the time prescribed by law.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed on the twelfth instant, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the eleventh instant, the memorial of Jeremiah Hill, reported a bill to change the name of the District of Biddeford and Pepperelborough, in Massachusetts, to that of Saco and Biddeford; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Blount, from the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to aggressions committed within our ports and waters by foreign armed vessels; to violations of our jurisdiction; and to measures necessary for the protection of our ports and harbors; presented to the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, stating that, in a letter addressed by him, on the twelfth instant, to the Chairman of the said committee, some erroneous information had been given, and an omission made, which he had since discovered, and thought it his duty now to correct.

The said letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Blount, from the same committee, made a farther report, in part; which was received, read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Mumford presented a memorial of sundry merchants of the city and State of New York, praying that vessels, of whatever description, wholly owned by citizens of the United States, and employed in the whale and seal skin fisheries, may be placed on the same footing as American registered vessels, with the exception of foreign tonnage duty.

Mr. Mumford also presented a memorial of Gabriel Havens and Philotus Havens, of the city and State of New York, merchants, praying that they may be exonerated from the payment of bonds given by the memorialists, for the duties on a quantity of whale oil and whale bone, imported by them in a vessel of foreign construction; and, also, a reimbursement of other duties which they have actually paid, for the reasons therein stated.

The said memorials were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Clay,

Ordered, That the petition of the measurers of salt and coal, for the district of Philadelphia, presented on the third of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, and praying an increase of their compensations be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred, on the twenty-third instant, a report of the Committee of Ways and Means on the petition of the measurers of salt and coal, for the District of New York.

On a motion of Mr. Joseph Clay,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes, be postponed until to-morrow.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the purchase of certain copies of the Journals of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist church in the city of Washington; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report, in part, made on the seventeenth instant, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to aggressions committed within our ports and waters by foreign armed vessels; to violations of our jurisdiction; and to measures necessary for the protection of our ports and harbors; be farther postponed until Thursday next.

Mr. Garnett, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, to wit: "An act making farther appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven."

The orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1807.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of the President and Trustees of the Natchez Hospital, in the Mississippi Territory, praying the aid and patronage of Congress, in support of the said institution, by such endowment as may be deemed reasonable and proper.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of Joseph Du Cayla, praying for the reasons therein specified, that an additional duty may be imposed, by law, on *paints* which may hereafter be imported from foreign countries into the United States.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Nicholas R. Moore presented a petition of John Elliot, of Baltimore county, in the State of Maryland, praying relief in consideration of personal injuries sustained by the petitioner, whilst a wagoner in the service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Poindexter presented a memorial of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Assistants, of the city of Natchez, in the Mississippi Territory, praying a grant, in fee simple, of two lots of lands, within the limits of the said city, for the purpose of erecting public buildings thereon.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Calhoun presented a petition of sundry citizens of Newberry District, in the State of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying an alteration in the post road from Columbia to Spartanburgh, so as to pass by the Cross Keys, Lipham's, and John Henderson's, and from thence to Columbia; and that a post office may be established at the said John Henderson's, in Newberry District, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and others.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

An engrossed bill authorizing the purchase of certain copies of the Journals of Congress was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the purchase of certain copies of the Journals of Congress."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-fourth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act making farther appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist church, in the city of Washington, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist church, in the city of Washington."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Tallmadge,

Resolved, That the Secretary for the Department of War be directed to lay before this House a statement of the respective numbers of officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers, composing the army of the United States, noting the numbers wanting to complete the present establishment.

Resolved, That the Secretary for the Department of War be directed to lay before this House a statement of the respective numbers of volunteers, either of artillery, cavalry, or infantry, whose services have been offered and accepted, in pursuance of the act, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to accept the service of a number of volunteer companies, not exceeding thirty thousand men."

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, in the words following, to wit:

"Sec. 1. After the words, '*in Congress assembled*,' in the second line of the bill, strike out the words, '*That every free white male person in the Mississippi Territory, above the age of twenty-one years, having been a citizen of the United States, and resident in the said Territory one year next preceding an election of Representatives, and having paid a county or territorial tax, assessed at least six months previous to such election, shall be entitled to vote for Representatives to the General Assembly of said Territory*;' and, in lieu thereof, insert the following words, to wit: "That every free white male person, in the Mississippi Territory, above the age of twenty-one years, having been a citizen of one of the United States, and resident in the said Territory one year next preceding an election of Representatives, and who is possessed, in his own right, of a freehold estate, in fifty acres of land, or who is entitled to a right of pre-emption to a tract of land in said Territory, by virtue of any law of Congress, or who may become the purchaser, from the United States, of any tract of land, of the quantity of fifty acres, shall be entitled to vote for a Representative to the General Assembly of said Territory."

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendment at the Clerk's table:

And on the question that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the same,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 41,
 { Nays 79.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
David Holmes,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,

Joseph Lewis, junior,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Samuel Riker,
Dennis Smelt,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,

Joseph Barker,
Thomas Blount,

John Boyle,
 William Butler,
 George W. Campbell,
 Peter Carlton,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 John Chandler,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Orchard Cook,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Ezra Darby,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,

John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Clement Storer,
 Peter Swart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 David Thomas,
 John Thompson,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Archibald Van Horne,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 James Witherall.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said bill be put off until to-morrow.
 The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
 And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1807.

Mr. Lewis, from the committee to whom was recommitted, on the twenty-third instant, the engrossed bill authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia, reported several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Lloyd presented a petition of David Porter, Master Commandant in the Navy of the United States, which was received and read, stating that the petitioner hath imported from Italy, in the frigate Constitution, lately arrived at Boston, on account of the officers of the Navy, a monument to be erected in the city of Washington, in memory of the officers who fell during the different attacks made on the city of Tripoli, in the year one thousand eight hundred and four ; and praying a remission of the duty accruing to the United States, on the importation of the same.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, in the State of Maryland, praying that a post road may be established from Fredericktown, in Maryland, to pass through Cregarstown, Emmetsburgh and Gettysburg, to Carlisle, in the State of Pennsylvania.

Mr. Daniel Montgomery presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of Northumber-

land county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that a post road may be established from Milton, through Fruitstown, and Jerseytown, to Washington; and that post offices may be fixed at Washington and Jerseytown, for the convenience and benefit of the memorialists and other inhabitants of the said county of Northumberland.

The said petition and memorial were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

The House resumed the consideration of the bill extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, to amend the said bill at the Clerk's table, by adding to the end thereof, a proviso in the words following, to wit: "*Provided*, That this act shall not take effect until the assent of the Legislature of Georgia shall have been signified thereto:

And, after debate on the said motion of amendment,

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same;

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 35,
 { Nays 86.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Walter Jones,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.

Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Pugh,
John Rowan,
Dennis Smelt,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
William Blackledge,
John Boyle,
George W. Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, jr.
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,

John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Isley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Edward Lloyd,

Matthew Lyon,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,

James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Marmaduke Williams,
James Witherall.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented a memorial of the merchants of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, signed by William Davy and others, a committee appointed at a general meeting of the said merchants, praying, for the reasons therein stated, an extension of the time in which the oath shall be taken, and the bonds given, in cases of goods exported entitled to drawback; and that the forfeitures already incurred by *accident, mistake, or misfortune*, may be remitted to them.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until tomorrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 27, 1807.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry papers and documents, transmitted by Duncan MacFarland, of the State of North Carolina, relative to his claim to a seat in this House, as a Representative for the said State; which were received and read.

On motion of Mr. David R. Williams,

Ordered, That the said papers and documents be referred to the Committee of Elections.

Mr. Mumford presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the town of Mexico, in the county of Oneida, and State of New York, praying that a post office may be established at the village of Rotterdam, on the Oneida lake; and that the mail may be carried once in every week to and from Rome, by the route of the Mexico turnpike, in the said State.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the town of Marietta, in the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Marietta to Zanesville, in the State aforesaid, for the convenience and benefit of the memorialists and others.

Ordered, That the said memorials be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented a memorial of sundry merchants and traders of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received and read, praying, for certain reasons therein specified, a repeal of an act of Congress, passed on the eighteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise:" Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Clay, and seconded, that the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to consider and report thereon to the House:

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 50,
 { Nays 79.

The yeas and the nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Joseph Clay,
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Phillip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
William Milnor,

Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
John Chandler,
Matthew Clay,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Greene,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,

Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
Daniel Montgomery, junior,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton, jun.
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Scaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
David Thomas,
Abram Trigg,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horne.

Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,

Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherall.

And so the said motion was rejected.

On motion of Mr. W. Alston,

Ordered, That the said memorial do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

Ordered, That Mr. Joseph Clay have leave to be absent from the service of the House for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Randolph, from the committee appointed, on the eleventh instant, presented, according to order, a bill to explain the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, from and after the first day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Blount,

That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred, on the twenty-fourth instant, a farther report, in part, made by the select committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh ultimo, as relates "to aggressions committed within our ports and waters by foreign armed vessels; to violations of our jurisdiction; and to measures necessary for the protection of our ports and harbors;" be discharged from the consideration of the same:

And after debate on the said motion, the question was taken thereupon, and passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Eppes,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the first report, in part, made, on the seventeenth instant, by the select committee last mentioned, be postponed until Friday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1807.

Mr. Speaker laid before the House sundry other papers and documents, transmitted by Duncan MacFarland, of the State of North Carolina, relative to his claim to a seat in this House, as a Representative for the said State.

The said papers and documents were received; and,

On motion of Mr. Blackledge,

Ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

On motion of Mr. Riker,

Ordered, That two petitions of sundry inhabitants of the county of Suffolk, in the State of New York, praying an alteration of the present route of the mail, from Moriches by the way of River Head to Southampton; and that the present route may be extended from Sag Harbor to Easthampton in the said State, which were presented to this House on the ninth of February last, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Findley,

Ordered, That the petition of Arthur Saint Clair, presented the sixteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and six, and praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for an advance of money for the purpose of enlisting soldiers for the army of the United States, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth instant, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

Mr. Porter presented a memorial of sundry coppersmiths and brasiers, residing in the city and liberties of Philadelphia, in opposition to the prayer of a petition of Paul Revere and Joseph W. Revere, of Boston, presented on the twenty-fourth of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, that a duty may be imposed upon copper in sheets imported into the United States, which measure, as the memorialists suggest, would, if adopted by Congress, be injurious in its operation to the community at large; and, therefore, that the prayer of the petition of the said Paul Revere and Joseph W. Revere ought not to be granted.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Mumford,

Ordered, That the petition of the inspectors of the customs of the city of Philadelphia, presented on the eleventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and six, praying an augmentation of their compensation, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-third instant, the report of the Committee of Ways and Means on a memorial of sundry measurers of salt and coal attached to the customs of the New York district.

Mr. Findley presented a petition of the Associate Reformed or Presbyterian Congregation, in the city of Washington, by Joseph Nourse and others therein named, trustees of the said congregation, praying that an act to incorporate their said church may be passed, containing such regulations and privileges as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Findley, Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, and Mr. Taggart; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Findley presented a petition of sundry citizens of the town of Indiana, and its vicinity, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying an alteration in the post road from Greensburg, in Westmoreland county, to Alexandria, in Huntingdon county, so as that the same may pass through New Alexandria, Indiana, and Ebensburg, and that a post office may be established at the town of Indiana aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to lay before this House a statement of the number of officers and men, respectively, belonging to the navy of the United States, and the corps of marines.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to lay before this House an estimate of the number of officers and men which would be necessary to complete the manning the whole and entire navy of the United States, including the gun-boats, with an estimate of the expenditures, respectively, necessary for maintaining them in actual service, during one year.

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Navy be directed to lay before this House a statement of the quantity, quality, and present state of the timber and other materials belonging to the United States, now on hand, suitable for building ships of war, describing the force and size for which such timber and other materials are suitable.

The order of the day for the House to proceed in the third reading and farther consideration of an engrossed bill extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes, being called for,

On motion of Mr. Blount,

Resolved, That the same be postponed until Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Blount,

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the farther report, in part, made on the twenty-fourth instant, by the select committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to aggressions committed within our ports and waters by foreign armed vessels; to violations of our jurisdiction; and to measures necessary for the protection of our ports and harbors; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the resolutions contained therein, amended to read as followeth:

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the President of the United States to cause such fortifications to be repaired and erected, as will, with the assistance of gun-boats, afford effectual protection to our ports and harbors, and preserve therein the respect due to the constituted authorities of the nation; and that there be, and hereby is, appropriated, for that purpose, out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ——— dollars.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the President of the United States to cause to be built an additional number of gun-boats, not exceeding ———, and to arm, equip, man, fit, and employ the same, for the protection of our ports and harbors; and that there be, and hereby is, appropriated, for that purpose, out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ———.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolutions at the Clerk's table.

And on the question that the House do agree to the same, as amended and reported by the Committee of the Whole House,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions; and that Mr. Blount, Mr. Chandler, Mr. Burwell, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Riker, Mr. Troup, and Mr. Witherall, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Blount, from the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to "aggressions committed within our ports and waters, by foreign armed vessels; to violations of our jurisdiction; and to measures necessary for the protection of our ports and harbors;" presented to the House two letters, addressed to him as chairman of the said committee, from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanied with a statement, marked A, relative to the number and condition of the frigates and other vessels of war belonging to the United States, and to the additional number of gun-boats necessary for the protection of our ports and harbors.

The said letters and statement were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1807.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing a letter to him from the Accountant of the War Department; also, sundry statements, numbered 1, 2, 3, exhibiting the amount of merchandise and supplies, made on behalf of the United States, by the Superintendent of Indian Trade, by the Purveyor of Public Supplies, and by the Military Agents in the different districts, for the three years ending on the thirtieth day of September last; specifying the amount purchased, for what Department, at what place, and by what officer; together with the emoluments, commissions, or salary, allowed to such officer; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Quincy,

Resolved, That the Secretary for the Department of War be directed to lay before this House an account of the state of the fortifications of the respective ports and harbors of the United States, with a statement of the moneys appropriated for fortifications, and remaining unexpended, and an estimate of the sums necessary for completing such fortifications as may be deemed requisite for their defence.

Mr. Bard presented a petition of Duncan McVicker, of Huntingdon county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for services rendered and losses sustained by the petitioner, whilst a soldier in a detachment of militia of the said State, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Ordered, That the petition of Presley Thornton, of the State of Virginia, presented the twenty-sixth of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, and of Edmund Brooke, of the same State, presented the first of February, one thousand eight hundred and three, respectively praying the liquidation and settlement of their claims as officers in the Virginia line during the Revolutionary War with Great Britain, for balance of pay and other emoluments due to them, be severally referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

Mr. Fisk presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Hanover, in New Hampshire, to Lyman's Bridge, and from thence, on the White River turnpike road, to Royalton, in Vermont, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and others.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Fisk,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Norwich, through Stafford, to Chelsea, in the State of Vermont.

On motion of Mr. Barker,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Plymouth, Duxbury, and Kingston, in Massachusetts, presented to the House on the twenty-fourth of Feb.

ruary last, and praying that a number of buoys and beacons may be fixed at sundry places therein named, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Marmaduke Williams,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any additional compensation ought to be made to the Marshal for the district of North Carolina, and the district of New Jersey; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Marmaduke Williams, Mr. Southard, Mr. David R. Williams, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Durell, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on an engrossed bill authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia; to which Committee of the Whole House was also referred the report of a select committee, made on the twenty-sixth ultimo; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill and report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House several amendments to the bill; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, for an adequate and comfortable support of such officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary army, as are still existing in a state of indigence, disgraceful to the country which owes its liberties to their valor.

Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States.

Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, for procuring a formidable train of field artillery for the service of the United States.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Blount, from the committee appointed on the thirtieth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to change the name of the District of Biddeford and Percelborough, in Massachusetts, to that of Saco and Biddeford; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storer reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act allowing an additional compensation to the Secretaries of the Mississippi, Indiana, Louisiana, and Michigan Territories." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the select committee appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders as are proper to be observed in this House; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2. 1807.

Another member, to wit : from Delaware, Nicholas Van Dyke, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, communicating a statement, marked (A.) exhibiting the amount of the purchases and supplies made on behalf of the United States, by the navy agents in the different ports, for three years, ending the thirtieth of September last, together with the emoluments, commissions, or salary, of the respective agents ; also, the amount expended by them, respectively, in the same years, on other objects of expenditure, on account of the navy ; in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the sixteenth ultimo ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. McCreery presented a petition of the Society of Journeymen Hatters, of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, signed by Edward Green, their President, and attested by Thomas Pope, their Secretary, praying that an act of Congress may be passed to prohibit the importation of hats from foreign countries, or, that such additional duty may be imposed on the said article, as may tend to diminish the number now brought into the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Porter,

Ordered, That the petition of John Keemle, of the city of Philadelphia, presented the twenty-first of January last, and praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for supplies furnished a detachment of the army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

Mr. Milnor presented a petition of Ernst Gress, of the borough of Reading, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services rendered and money advanced, as an Ensign in the sixth Pennsylvania regiment, for the use of the said regiment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

On motion of Mr. Porter,

Ordered, That the petition of William Duncan, of the city of Philadelphia, attorney in fact of Abner L. Duncan, of the city of New Orleans, praying compensation for a quantity of clothing furnished a detachment of militia, in the actual service of the United States, some time in the month of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, which was presented to the House on the third of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Elliot presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the States of Vermont, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Warwick, in Massachusetts, by Winchester and Hinsdale, in New Hampshire, to Brattleborough, in Vermont, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the States aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Van Rensselaer presented a memorial of Samuel Whiting, of the city of Albany, and State of New York, praying compensation for travelling expenses incurred, and services rendered by the memorialist, in the pursuit and apprehension of a certain Henry Deming, Postmaster at Hinsdale, in Massachusetts, as the perpetrator of a robbery complained of by the memorialist, in opening several letters containing the sum of one thousand five hundred and five dollars, sent by him in the mail from New York to Boston, in the month of September, one thousand eight hundred and five.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Postmaster General, with instructions to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. John Montgomery presented to the House a petition of Thomas Baker, of Cecil county, in the State of Maryland, praying relief in consideration of wounds received in the actual service of the United States, as a soldier in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was yesterday committed, so much of a motion made by Mr. Randolph as relates to a provision for officers and soldiers who served during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

On motion of Mr. Parke,

Resolved, That the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to our intercourse with the Indian tribes, be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations ought to be made in the act, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers;" and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth of October last, so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments, made a report, in part, thereupon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. John Montgomery,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, amendments are necessary to the laws for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States; and to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. John Montgomery, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Macon, Mr. Dana, Mr. Van Allen, and Mr. Troup, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of Daniel Boone, now an inhabitant of the Territory of Louisiana, praying that a title, in fee simple, to a certain tract of land on Mississippi river, may be confirmed to the petitioner, for the reasons therein specified.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

An engrossed bill authorizing the erection of a Bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia, was read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 85,
 { Nays 43.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Helms,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,

Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
William M'Creery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Munford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,

Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 David Thomas,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Allen,

Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horne,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherall.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston,
 David Bard,
 John Blake, junior,
 Thomas Blount,
 Robert Brown,
 George W. Campbell,
 John Campbell,
 John Chandler,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, junior,
 John Dawson,
 James Elliot,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Philip B. Key,

Edward Lloyd,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Matthias Richards,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act authorizing the erection of a Bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded in the third reading and further consideration of an engrossed bill extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes ;

And on the question that the said bill do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 73,
 } Nays 55.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston, jun.
 Willis Alston,
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 Joseph Barker,
 John Blake, jun.
 John Boyle,
 William A. Burwell,
 George W. Campbell,
 Peter Carlton,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 John Chandler,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Ezra Darby,

Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 James Elliot,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Daniel Isley,
 Robert Jenkins,

Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,

Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horne,
Jesse Wharton,
Marmaduke Williams,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,

Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to change the name of the district of Biddeford and Pepperelborough to that of Saco and Biddeford, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to change the name of the district of Biddeford and Pepperelborough to that of Saco."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the preservation of peace and maintenance of the authority of the United States, in the ports, harbors, and waters, under their jurisdiction." And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the select committee appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders as are proper to be observed in this House, be postponed until Monday next.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a motion made by Mr. Randolph, on the first instant, relative to a provision by law, "for an adequate and comfortable support of such officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary Army as are still existing in a state of indigence;" "for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States;" and "for procuring a formidable train of field artillery for service of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said motion.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1807.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, enclosing a statement of the respective numbers of officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers, composing the Army of the United States; noting the number wanting to complete the present establishment; transmitted in obedience to a resolution of this House; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Goodwyn,

Ordered, That the petition of John and William Bell, of the town of Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, praying relief in the case of a judgment obtained against the petitioners, on behalf of the United States, as sureties for a certain Hillary Langlois, of the island of Guernsey, being for the exportation of ten pipes and two hogsheds of Madeira wine, entitled to drawback, they having procured, since the judgment was obtained against them, the necessary certificates to prove the landing of the said wine without the limits of the United States; which was presented to the House on the twenty-fourth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Porter presented a memorial of James Selby, of the city of Philadelphia, mariner, praying a remission of the duties imposed by law on foreign bottoms, in the case of a vessel called the Sea Flower, the property of the memorialist, for certain reasons therein specified.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Smilie presented a memorial of Charles Minific, of the City of Washington, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for a quantity of ship timber, which was delivered at the Navy Yard, in the said city, for public use, by the memorialist, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and three.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Garnett, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act allowing an additional compensation to the Secretaries of the Territories of Mississippi, Indiana, Louisiana, and Michigan," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon, Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, the petition of David Porter, Master Commandant in the Navy of the United States, reported a bill remitting the duties payable on the importation of a monument to be erected in memory of the officers of the United States' Navy, who fell during the attack made on the city of Tripoli, in the year one thousand eight hundred and four; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Smith,

Ordered, That the petition of Nathaniel Irish, presented the thirteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, and praying to be allowed commutation of half pay, for his services as an officer in Colonel Benjamin Flower's regiment of artillery, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

On motion of Mr. Southard,

Ordered, That the petition of John Tozer, of the county of Dutchess, in the State of New York, presented on the seventeenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, and praying relief in consideration of personal injuries received by the petitioner whilst a soldier in the Connecticut line, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred, on the first instant, so much of a motion made by Mr. Randolph, as relates to provision "for an adequate and comfortable support of such officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary Army as are still existing in a state of indigence."

On motion of Mr. Helms,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Newton, in the county of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, to Frankford, Decker's town, Montague, Dingman's Ferry, and Stillwater.

On motion of Mr. Barker,

Ordered, That the petition of the merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Plymouth, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the said town of Plymouth may be made a port of entry for vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from ports and places beyond the same, which was presented to this House on the twenty-ninth of January last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the propriety of establishing a post road from Dumfries, in Virginia, to Lehigh town, in the same State.

On motion of Mr. Darby,

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Smith, of the city of Trenton, in the State of New Jersey, praying compensation for loss of property taken for the use of the American Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which was presented on the twelfth of February, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

Mr. Thomas presented a memorial of Josiah Throop, of Montgomery county, in the State of New York, stating his claim to a certain portion of land allowed by law to refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia: the benefit of which hath not yet been extended to the memorialist, for the reasons therein stated.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, with instruction to inquire into the expediency of reviving and continuing in force, for a farther time, the act, entitled "An act for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia."

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Ordered, That the petition of Nicholas Rhodes, of the State of Maryland, presented on the fourth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, and praying compensation for his services as a soldier in Captain Eggleston's company of cavalry in the Virginia line, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on so much of a motion made by Mr. Randolph, on the first instant, as relates to provision "for an adequate and comfortable support of such officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary Army as are still existing in a state of indigence."

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of Isaac Israel, of Harrison county, in the State of Virginia, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for services rendered to the United States as an officer in the eighth Virginia regiment on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of Thomas Beall, of Alleghany county, in the State of Maryland, praying that certain certificates of public debt may be liquidated, and the amount paid to the petitioner.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Ordered, That the memorial of Rinaldo Johnson, of the State of Maryland, presented on the nineteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, praying relief in the case of a judgment obtained against him, by the United States, in the Circuit Court of Maryland, for duties accruing on stills belonging to the petitioner, be referred to Mr. Nelson, Mr. Macon, and Mr. Masters; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Mumford presented a memorial of William McCarty, of the State of New York, stating his claim to a certain portion of land, as a refugee from the British province of Canada, the benefit of which hath not yet been extended to the memorialist, in consequence of his absence from the United States, and other causes specified therein.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business.

On motion of Mr. Chittenden,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations ought to be made in the several acts regulating the holding of Circuit Courts in the United States; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Chittenden, Mr. Bibb, Mr. Stanford, Mr. Goodwyn, Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Rowan, and Mr. Gardner, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Nicholas R. Moore presented a memorial of Thomas Claxton, Doorkeeper to this House, praying to be allowed such assistance as may be necessary to perform the various duties assigned to him in the capacity aforesaid.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Accounts.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the preservation of peace and maintenance of the authority of the United States, in the ports, harbors, and waters, under their jurisdiction," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twenty-fifth ultimo, the petition of Joseph Du Cayla, made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner is unreasonable, and ought not be granted.

Mr. Jones, from the committee appointed on the twenty-first ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill to place in the hands of the President a sum of money for the purposes therein mentioned; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to appropriate money for the construction of an additional number of gun-boats;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on Mr. Randolph's motion of the first instant, "relative to a provision, by law, for an adequate and comfortable support of such officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary army as are still existing in a state of indigence;" "for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States;" and, "for procuring a formidable train of field artillery for the service of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said motion under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the resolutions contained therein, amended to read as followeth:

1. *Resolved*, That provision ought to be made, by law, for an adequate and comfortable support of such officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary war as are still existing in a state of indigence in a country which owes its liberties to their valor.

2. *Resolved*, That provision ought to be made, by law, for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States.

3. *Resolved*, That provision ought to be made, by law, for procuring a formidable train of field artillery, for service of the United States.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolutions at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

The first resolution as reported from the Committee of the Whole House, being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The second resolution was again read, and debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1807.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with estimates of the sums necessary to be appropriated for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and eight ; also, a statement of the receipts and expenditures at the Treasury of the United States for one year preceding the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seven ; and a statement of balances of appropriations unexpended on the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and seven ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Clopton, from the Committee of Revision and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine the Journal of the last session, and report therefrom such matters of business as were then depending and undetermined, made a farther report thereupon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled " An act to appropriate money for the construction of an additional number of gun-boats," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the first instant, a bill supplementary to an act, entitled " An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats."

Mr. Humphreys presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Pompey, in the county of Onondaga, and State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from the town of Onondaga, to pass by the way of the post office in Pompey, the dwelling house of S. Trowbridge, near the centre of Tully, the post office in Homer, and the centre of the town of Virgil, to the village of Owego, in the said State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Chandler,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Bangor, in the county of Hancock, and District of Maine, praying that a new district for the collection of duties may be established by law, and that the town of Bangor may be made a port of entry and delivery, and Frankfort a port of delivery for the same, which was presented to this House on the fourth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Garnett, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled " An act allowing an additional compensation to the Secretaries of the Mississippi, Indiana, Louisiana, and Michigan Territories."

The House resumed the consideration of the resolutions reported from the Committee of the Whole House, which were depending yesterday at the time of adjournment : Whereupon,

The second resolution being again read, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law, for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States :

A motion was made by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, to amend the said resolution by striking out the words "*the whole body of the militia of the United States*," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words, " ——— thousand of the militia of the United States, and for arming annually hereafter ——— thousand, until the whole body of the militia of the United States shall be armed."

On which motion for amendment, Mr. Randolph called for the previous question, and the same being demanded by five members, agreeably to the standing rules and orders of the House, to wit : " Shall the main question be now put ?"

Mr. Speaker decided, that, in his opinion, the previous question was not applicable to the motion to amend the resolution under consideration of the House : Whereupon,

An appeal to the House from the decision of the Chair, was made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded by Mr. Randolph.

And on the question, "Is the said decision of the Chair correct?"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 111,
Nays 16.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Ezra Darby,
John Davenport, junior,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Husley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,

John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbourn,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Howell Cobb,
John Dawson,
James Elliot,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
Edward Lloyd,

Matthew Lyon,
Roger Nelson,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Dennis Smelt,
Richard Stanford,
David R. Williams.

On the question that the House do agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Eppes to the said resolution, as before recited,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 48,
 { Nays 78.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, jun.
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Peter Carlton,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
Josiah Deane,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,

Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
David Thomas,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Ely.

Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,

William McCreery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,

Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, to amend the said second resolution by adding to the end thereof the following words: "by providing at the present time for the purchase of ——— thousand arms, and annually, hereafter, for the purchase or manufacture of ——— thousand arms :—"

And on the question that the House do agree to the said amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 41,
 { Nays 86.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Alston, jun.
David Bard,
John Blake, junior,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durcell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
Robert Jenkins,

Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
John Love,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
David Thomas,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,

Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Josiah Deane,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
James Fisk,
Mehack Franklin,
Barent Gardener,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn.

Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,

Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horne,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Jesse Wharton,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell.

And then the main question being taken, that the House do agree to the said second resolution, as reported from the Committee of the Whole House,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 72,
 { Nays 55.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 George W. Campbell,
 John Campbell,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Howell Cobb,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Dawson,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 Mesback Franklin,
 Barent Gardenier,
 James M. Garnett,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 William Hoge,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,

Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Philip B. Key,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Edward Lloyd,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 William M'Creery,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 John Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,

John Rowan,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,

Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are

Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, jun.
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
Josiah Deane,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Robert Jenkins,

Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Pugh,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams.

The third resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, for procuring a formidable train of field artillery for service of the United States.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the first resolution ; agreed to on the third instant ; and that Mr. Randolph, Mr. Elliot, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Macon, and Mr. Kelly, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the second resolution ; and that Mr. Randolph, Mr. Ely, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Stanford, Mr. Mumford, and Mr. Smilie, do prepare and bring in the same.

Ordered, That the third resolution be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-ninth of October last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments, with instruction to prepare and bring in a bill, or bills, pursuant thereto.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1807.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill supplemental to an act, entitled " An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The Speaker laid before the House sundry other papers and documents relative to the contested election of John Culpeper, one of the members returned to serve in this House, for the State of North Carolina; which were received, and, on motion of Mr. David R. Williams, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred a resolution of this House of the ninth ultimo, reported a bill to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the impeachment of Samuel Chase; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. David R. Williams,

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, of the third of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, together with a letter from the Governor of South Carolina, and an act of the Legislature of the said State, ceding to the United States various forts and fortifications, and sites for the erection of forts in that State, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats;" also, a bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to appropriate money for the construction of an additional number of gun-boats."

Mr. Thomas presented a memorial of Peter Gansevoort, jun., military agent for the Northern Department of the United States, praying that he may be allowed for his services an annual salary or compensation equal to that which has been granted to the military agent for the Middle Department.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of the Society of Journeymen Hatters, in the city of New York, signed by James McCabe, their President, and attested by Aaron Coats, their Secretary, praying that an additional duty may be imposed, by law, on hats imported from foreign countries into the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Eppes presented a memorial of the first and second Chambers of the City Council of Washington, stating certain inconveniences to which the corporation and a number of the inhabitants of the said city have been and are now subjected, relating to the taxes on vacant or unimproved city lots, or parts of lots; to the introduction of an undue proportion of idle and vicious free blacks, people of color, and vagrants; and to the manner of electing members of the City Council, as established by the act of incorporation; and praying relief in the premises, by an extension of the powers granted, by law, to the City Council: also, that the Capital of the United States, possessing the best harbor on the Potomac river, may be made a port of entry and delivery.

The said memorial was read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That so much thereof as relates to a port of entry and delivery be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Ordered, That all other parts of the said memorial be referred to the select committee appointed, on the twentieth ultimo, on a memorial of the citizens of the first and second wards of the city of Washington.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the States of Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Pittsburg, to pass by the way of Bevington's mill, Daniel Kelly's ferry on the Ohio river, Steubenville, and Cadiz, to intersect the Wheeling route at the town of Cambridge, or Will's creek bridge.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Crowninshield, from the committee to whom was referred, on the eleventh ultimo, a petition of Oliver Evans, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Crowninshield, from the same committee, also reported a bill for the relief of Oliver Evans; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, to whom was recommitted, on the nineteenth ultimo, their report on the memorial of Joshua Barney, of the city of Baltimore, complaining of an undue election and return of William McCreery, to serve as a member of this House, for the said State, made an amendatory report; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and, together with sundry documents accompanying the same, ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Bibb,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether the Representatives' Hall can be rendered more suitable for the purposes of speaking and hearing.

Ordered, That Mr. Bibb, Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, Mr. Stedman, Mr. Milnor, and Mr. Rowan, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Lloyd presented memorials of sundry citizens of Montgomery county, in the State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in opposition to the prayer of petitions from sundry qualified electors of the said county of Montgomery, and of a part of Frederick county, presented on the fourth ultimo, "that the election of Philip Barton Key may be vacated and annulled," and stating that Mr. Key was a resident of the county of Montgomery aforesaid, before, at, and after, the election held in the month of October, one thousand eight hundred and six, for Representatives in Congress for the said State.

The said memorials were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, to whom were referred the certificates and other credentials of the members returned to serve in this House, made a farther report, in part, thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth:

"It appears to your committee, on examination of the certificates and credentials referred to them, that the following members are entitled to their seats in this House:

From Massachusetts,	{ Isaiah L. Green, Josiah Quincy.
From Pennsylvania,	John Pugh.
From Kentucky,	Matthew Lyon.
From North Carolina,	{ Willis Alston, William Blackledge, James Holland, Marmaduke Williams.
From South Carolina,	Thomas Moore.
Delegate from Indiana Territory,	Benjamin Parke."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats," to which Committee of the Whole House was also committed a bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to appropriate money for the construction of an additional number of gun-boats;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bills under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bills.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the fifth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act allowing an additional compensation to the Secretaries of the Mississippi, Indiana, Louisiana, and Michigan Territories."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1807.

On motion of Mr. Marion,

Ordered, That Mr. David R. Williams have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from the ninth instant, for the remainder of the session.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of War, accompanied with an account of the state of the fortifications of the respective ports and harbors of the United States, with a statement of the moneys appropriated for fortifications, and remaining unexpended; also, an estimate of the sums necessary for completing such fortifications as may be deemed requisite for their defence, prepared in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the first instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. McCreery presented a representation and petition of Amos Stoddard and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in behalf of themselves and of all the officers and soldiers composing the present army of the United States, stating the losses and grievances to which a number of the officers stationed at posts on the Western frontiers of the United States, have been, and are now subjected, in consequence of the enhanced prices of the necessaries of life, and other causes therein enumerated, and praying that such addition may be made to the pay and other emoluments now allowed, by law, to the officers and soldiers of the army, as to the wisdom of Congress shall be deemed reasonable and proper.

The said representation and petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred a report of a select committee appointed, on the twenty-ninth of October last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments.

Mr. Pugh presented a petition of Mary Marple, widow and executrix of the last will and testament of Enoch Marple, late of the county of Montgomery, in the State of Pennsylvania, deceased, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for a quantity of Indian corn, the property of the deceased, which was taken for the use of the American army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, amendments are necessary to be made to the act bearing date the eighteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, "prohibiting the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise;" and that they be empowered to report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide for regulating the conduct of such merchant vessels as, by agreement of the respective owners, may sail in concert, for mutual assistance and defence, in any lawful commerce; and, also, for settling, according to the course of proceeding in Courts of Admiralty, the respective rates of contribution to be made between them, on account of any loss or damage which may be thereby incurred:

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats," to which Committee of the Whole House was also committed a bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to appropriate money for the construction of an additional number of gun-boats;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bills under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

On motion of Mr. Blount,

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, again resolve into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bills.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said Committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bills under consideration, and made several amendments to the bill from the Senate; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table; and, also, a farther progress in the first mentioned bill, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats."

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, ac-

cording to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1807.

Another member, to wit : Edward St. Loe Livermore, from Massachusetts, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. Green presented a petition of sundry merchants of the island of Nantucket, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the port of Nantucket may be made a port of entry for vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, and from ports and places beyond the same.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill making farther provision for the disposal of the sections of land heretofore reserved for the future disposition of Congress ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments, presented to the House a letter addressed to him, as Chairman of the said committee, from the Secretary of War, enclosing an estimate of the annual expense of an army of thirty-two thousand eight hundred men ; also, an estimate of the expense of the Hospital, Quartermaster, and Ordnance Departments, for the first year.

The said letter and statement were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the second instant, a report from the committee last mentioned.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of Griffith Jones, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for a considerable number of hides, and a large quantity of leather, furnished by the petitioner, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, to Colonel Daniel Broadhead, for the use of the American army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read and, ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday by the Committee of the Whole House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to appropriate money for the construction of an additional number of gun-boats ;" and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Durell, farther to amend the said bill, by striking out of the same, the words "one hundred and eighty-eight gun-boats," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "one hundred and twenty-four gun boats, and four frigates of forty-four guns each ;"

On which motion to amend, a division of the question was called for by Mr. Blount, and

On the question to strike out the words "one hundred and eighty-eight gun-boats," It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, entitled "An act to change the name of the district of Biddeford and Pepperelborough, in Massachusetts, to that of Saco," without amendment. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1807.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to appropriate money for the construction of an additional number of gun-boats," together with the amendments agreed to yesterday, was read the third time : Whereupon,

The question was stated, that the said bill, with the amendments, do pass ; and debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1807.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanied with two statements marked (A and B,) in relation to the number of officers and men, respectively, belonging to the navy of the United States, and the corps of marines ; to estimates of the number of officers and men which would be necessary to complete the manning the whole and entire navy of the United States, including the gun-boats ; and to the expenditures necessary for maintaining them in actual service during one year ; also, to the timber and other materials belonging to the United States now on hand, suitable for building ships of war ; prepared in obedience to resolutions of this House of the thirtieth ultimo ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the county of Augusta, in the State of Virginia, presented on the eighteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six ; and praying that the mail which passes on the back road from Staunton, through Middlebrook, to Lexington, may, in future, be carried on the great Southwestern road through Greenville and Fairfield, in the said State, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, to whom were referred, on the fourth ultimo, and seventh instant, petitions from sundry qualified electors of Montgomery county and part of Frederick county, in the State of Maryland, and from sundry other citizens of the said county of Montgomery, relative to the election of Philip Barton Key, the member returned to serve in this House for the third Congressional district in the said State, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report on the petition of Peter Gansevoort, junior, military agent for the Northern Department of the United States, referred to him by order of the House, of the seventh instant ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Heister,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Chester, in the State of Pennsylvania, presented the seventh of February last, and praying that the road running from Philadelphia to West Chester, may be established as a post road, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the petition of Beniot Schweighauser, of the house of Schweighauser and Dobree, representatives of John D. Schweighauser, by John Mason, his attorney, referred to him by order of the House, on the twenty-fourth of February last ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Ely presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Granville, in the State of Massachusetts, praying an alteration in an existing post road from Hartford, in Connecticut, to Blandford, in Massachusetts, so as that the same may pass through the towns of Becket, Washington, and Pittsfield.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Culpeper,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of changing the post road from Montgomery Court House, in North Carolina, to Wadesborough in Anson, so as to pass by Thomas Tomlinson's near Allenton, and by the Mineral Springs in said county of Montgomery.

On motion of Mr. Marmaduke Williams,

Ordered, That Mr. Lemuel J. Alston be appointed of the committee "to inquire

whether any additional compensation ought to be made to the marshal for the district of North Carolina, and the district of New Jersey; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise," in the room of Mr. David R. Williams, who hath obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The House resumed the consideration of the question depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, "that the bill sent from the Senate, entitled 'An act to appropriate money for the construction of an additional number of gun-boats,' with the amendments agreed to by this House, on the ninth instant," do pass.

And after farther debate thereon, the said question was taken,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 111,
 { Nays 19.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Robert Jenkins,

Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,

George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,

Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
John Davenport, jun.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
William Hoge,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,

Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Russell,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to appropriate money for providing an additional number of gun boats."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed on so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments, to whom was referred, on the eighth instant, the representation and petition of Amos Stoddard, and all the officers and soldiers composing the present army of the United States, made a report thereupon; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of William Brawner, praying relief in consideration of services rendered to the United States during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1807.

Daniel Clark, the delegate from the Territory of Orleans, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The Speaker laid before the House a report from the Secretary of State, on a message from the President of the United States, of the sixth of February, in the present year, transmitting a memorial of the French minister, relative to the claim of Amelie Eugenie de Beaumarchais, legal representative of the late Caron de Beaumarchais; which was read, and, together with sundry documents accompanying the same, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Holland presented a petition of Antony Boucherie, of the city of Philadelphia, sugar refiner, praying that the benefits of an act of Congress, passed the seventeenth of April, one thousand eight hundred, entitled "An act to extend the privilege of obtaining patents for useful discoveries and inventions to certain persons therein mentioned, and to enlarge and define the penalties for violating the rights of patentees," may be granted to the petitioner, for the reasons therein stated.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Holland, Mr. Milnor, and Mr. Clark; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon to the House.

On motion of Mr. Chittenden,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Middlebury, in the State of Vermont, presented on the seventeenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, and praying that the mail may be carried on the turnpike road leading from Middlebury to Woodstock, in the said State, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to all the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to appropriate money for the construction of an additional number of gun-boats." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of David Scott, in opposition to the petition of John Evans, which was presented the sixth November, one thousand eight hundred and seven. The said petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Garnett, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to change the name of the district of Biddeford and Pepperelborough to that of Saco," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Quincy presented petitions from sundry merchants and other inhabitants of the town of Boston, and its vicinity, in the State of Massachusetts, which were received and read, praying that an act passed the eighteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise," may be either modified, suspended, or repealed.

A motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the said petitions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the eighth instant, the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise:"

And after debate, the question was taken thereupon,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 79,
Nays 38.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
John Boyle,
John Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Josiah Deane,
James Elliot,
William Fly,
William Findley,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,

William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Chandler,
Matthew Clay,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,

Philip B. Key,
John Love,
Josiah Masters,
John Montgomery,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
John Rowan,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
David Thomas,
Archibald Van Horne,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1807.

A member in his place, to wit : Mr. Bacon, of Massachusetts, suggested an error in the Journal of this House, of the fourth day of the present month, by an omission to state in page one hundred and thirty-four, that a division of the question on an amendment proposed by Mr. Eppes, had been called for and taken ; and thereupon moved that after the words "as before recited," in the page before mentioned, an entry be made to read as followeth :

"A division of the question on the said motion to amend, was called for, and thereupon, the question being taken that the House do agree to the first member of the said amendment, to wit : for striking out the words *"the whole body of the militia of the United States :"*

"It passed in the negative, { Yeas 48,
 { Nays 78.

"The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

"Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, jun.
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Peter Carlton,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Ezra Darby,
Josiah Deane,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,

Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
David Thomas,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams.

"Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,

Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
Daniel Montgomery, junior,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

"And the question recurring, that the House do agree to the last member of the said amendment, to wit: for inserting the words '— thousand of the militia of the United States, and for arming annually hereafter — thousand, until the whole body of the militia of the United States shall be armed;' it was declared by the Chair, and so decided, that this part of the amendment failed of course, and that it was not in order to put the same."

And on the question that the said Journal of the fourth instant be so amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have disagreed to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of certain copies of the Journals of Congress." And then he withdrew.

A motion was made by Mr. Milnor, and seconded,

That the memorial of sundry merchants and traders of the city of Philadelphia, presented to this House on the twenty-seventh ultimo, and ordered to lie on the table, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the eighth instant, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise."

On which motion for reference, the previous question was called for by Mr. Gardenier, and the same being demanded by five members, and taken in the form prescribed by one of the rules of the House, to wit: "Shall the main question be now put?"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 64,
Nays 52.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

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OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, jun.
George W. Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
William Findley,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jr.

Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Robert Marion,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
John Rowan,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Peter Carlton,
John Chandler,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,

Walter Jones,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Scaver,
James Sloan,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
David Thomas,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horne,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

The main question then recurring, that the House do agree to the original motion for reference of the said memorial:

Mr. Ely, one of the members from Massachusetts, addressed the chair, and was proceeding in some remarks touching the merits of the said main question ; when,

Mr. Speaker called the member from Massachusetts to order, and decided, as the opinion of the Chair, that, after the previous question is called for and determined in the affirmative, it precludes all debate on the main question : Whereupon,

An appeal to the House from the decision of the Chair was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded by Mr. Bibb.

A motion was then made by Mr. Pitkin, that the consideration of the question on the said appeal be postponed until to-morrow,

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 48,
 { Nays 69.

The yeas and yeas being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
George W. Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Matthew Clay,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
Josiah Deane,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
John Heister,
James Holland,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
John Love,

Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
Matthias Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardener,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,

Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, junior,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,

Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,

Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

The House then proceeded to consider the decision of the Chair, from which an appeal had been made by two members, and the said decision being again stated "that after the previous question is called for and determined in the affirmative, it precludes all debate on the main question."

The question was taken thereupon, to wit: "Is the said decision of the Chair correct?"

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 14,
 { Nays 103.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
George W. Campbell,
Orchard Cook,
Daniel Hsley,

Josiah Masters,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Lemuel Sawyer,
John Smith,
Clement Storer,
David Thomas,
Robert Whitehill.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, jr.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,

Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,

Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 John Porter,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,

Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Archibald Van Horne,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Alexander Wilson,
 James Witherell.

A motion was then made by Mr. Blount, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the motion for reference of the memorial of the merchants and traders of the City of Philadelphia be postponed until Monday, the twenty-eighth instant :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 44,
 { Nays 60.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 David Bard,
 Burwell Bassett,
 John Blake, jun.
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 Peter Carlton,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 William Helms,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hsley,

Walter Jones,
 Philip B. Key,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creery,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 George M. Troup,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Alexander Wilson,
 James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 Joseph Barker,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 William Butler,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 John Chandler,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Howell Cobb,
 John Culpeper,

Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Joseph Desha,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,

Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
Robert Marion,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,

Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

And then the main question being taken that the said memorial be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise," as originally proposed ;

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 46,
 { Nays 55.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
Robert Marion,

William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
John Russell,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,

Joseph Calhoun,
Peter Carlton,
John Chandler,
Matthew Clay,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,

Barent Gardenier,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creery,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,

Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 John Rowan,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Alexander Wilson,
 James Witherell.

An adjournment was then called for : Whereupon,
 The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
 And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1807.

Mr. Garnett, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to appropriate money for the providing an additional number of gun boats," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Chittenden,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Vermont, presented on the second of January last, and praying the establishment of a post road from Waterbury Corners, through Stowe and Morristown, to Nathaniel P. Sawyer's, in the said State, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Wilbourn,

Ordered, That the petition of Walter Channing, surviving partner of the house of Gibbs and Channing, of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, presented on the third of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, and praying a reimbursement of the duty paid by the said house on a quantity of salt petre, imported in the ship Mount Hope, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and three, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Dana,

Ordered, That the petition of Canfield Gillet, of the State of Connecticut, for, and on behalf of the "Derby Fishing Company," of the said State, presented on the eleventh of February last, and praying "that the President, Assistant, or Secretary, of the said company, for the time being, may be authorized and empowered by an act of Congress, to obtain and hold registers, enrolments, and licenses, in their own names, for the use and benefit of the said company, for vessels employed by them in the said fishery, on such terms, and under such regulations as shall be deemed just and proper," be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Dana presented a memorial of the journeymen hatters of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, who have associated and formed themselves into a society, by the name of the "United and True Assistant Society of Hatters," which was received and read, praying that an additional duty may be imposed, by law, on hats imported from foreign countries into the United States.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Garnett, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to change the name of the district of Biddeford and Pepperelborough to that of Saco."

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for fortifying the

ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

An adjournment was then called for: On which

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1807.

Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, from the Committee of Accounts, to whom was referred, on the third instant, the memorial of Thomas Claxton, Doorkeeper to this House, made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That Thomas Claxton be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ, under his immediate direction, one additional assistant, five servants, and two horses, for the purposes of performing such services and duties as are usually required by the House of Representatives, during the present and next session of Congress, and for four days after the termination of each; and that he be allowed therefor nine dollars per day, and be paid out of the fund appropriated for the contingent expenses of the House.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twentieth ultimo, the petition of the Board of Trustees of the University of Vincennes, in the Indiana Territory of the United States, made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That ample provision having already been made for the support of public schools, and for seminaries of learning in the district of Vincennes, the prayer of the Trustees of the University of Vincennes is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, to whom was referred, on the third ultimo, a letter and memorial from Duncan M'Farland, stating his claim to a seat in this House, in the room of John Culpeper, who hath been returned as the member for the seventh elective district in the State of North Carolina; and to whom were also referred, during the present session, sundry other documents in relation to the contested election of the said John Culpeper; made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Findley, from the same committee, to whom were referred the certificates and other credentials of the members returned to serve in this House, made a farther report, in part, thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth:

"It appears to your committee, after due examination, that the credentials of the following members are sufficient to entitle them to a seat in this House, viz:

From Massachusetts,
From North Carolina,
From South Carolina,

Edward St. Loe Livermore.
Nathaniel Macon.
David R. Williams."

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Van Cortlandt;

Ordered, That the petition of Moses Young, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for the balance due to him on account of his salary as Secretary to Henry Laurens, formerly a Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States at the Hague; the payment of which, owing to the reasons therein set forth, hath not yet been made to the petitioner, which was presented to this House on the twenty-sixth of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

On motion of Mr. George W. Campbell, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of continuing, for a limited time, the duties now payable by law on imported salt, and of continuing in force, for a limited time, the law imposing the duties called the Mediterranean fund; and that they report thereon by bill, or otherwise:

A motion was made by Mr. Matthew Clay, and seconded, to amend the said motion by striking out the first member thereof, contained in the words following to wit: "of continuing, for a limited time, the duties now payable by law on imported salt, and:"

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 78,
 { Nays 45.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
John Dawson,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,

Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Roger Nelson,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Peter Swart,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horne,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
George W. Campbell,
John Chandler,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
Reuben Humphreys,
Robert Jenkins,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,

John Montgomery,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
David Thomas,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Marmaduke Williams,
James Witherell.

The question was then taken that the House agree to the said motion, amended to read as followeth :

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the expediency of continuing in force, for a limited time, the law imposing the duties called the Mediterranean fund; and that they report thereon by bill, or otherwise :"

And resolved in th eaffirmative,

{	Yeas	107,
{	Nays	14.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, junior,
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, junior,
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Peter Carlton,
 John Chandler,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Orchard Cook,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Francis Gardner,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Isley,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Philip B. Key,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Edward St. Lee Livermore

Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
James Withereell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Sarent Gardenier,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
William Hoge,
Joseph Lewis, jun.

Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1807.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Holland, from the committee to whom was referred, on the fourteenth instant, a petition of Antony Boucherie, of the City of Philadelphia, sugar refiner, reported a bill to extend certain privileges, as therein mentioned, to Antony Boucherie; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Ordered, That the petition of the Vestry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the town of Alexandria, and District of Columbia, presented on the twelfth of January last, and praying that an act of incorporation may be passed, vesting in the said Church such powers, privileges, and benefits, as may be deemed proper, be referred to Mr. Bassett, Mr. Bard, and Mr. Taggart; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Goodwyn,

Ordered, That the petition of Army Dardin, of Mecklenburg county, of the State of Virginia, presented on the twenty-seventh of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, praying compensation for the value of a horse called Romulus, which was impressed by an officer of the Continental cavalry, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Waynesburg, and its vicinity, in the State of Pennsylvania, and of the counties of Ohio and Monongalia, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Morgantown to Wheeling, by the way of Waynesburgh, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners, and other inhabitants of the States aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of the journeymen batters of Fredericktown, in the State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that an additional duty may be imposed, by law, on all hats imported from foreign countries into the United States.

Mr. Sawyer presented a petition of Thomas Bray, of Currituck county, in the State of North Carolina, praying a remission of duty on a quantity of old copper, saved at great personal hazard by the petitioner, from the wreck of the French ship *L'Impe-teux*, which was driven on shore on the coast of North Carolina, and destroyed by a British squadron, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and six.

Mr. Sawyer also presented a petition of sundry merchants and traders on the waters of Perquimons river, in the District of Edenton, and State of North Carolina, signed by Samuel Nixon, for and in behalf of the said merchants, praying that a new collection district may be established, to comprehend the river of Perquimons, with all its creeks and harbors; and that a Custom House for the said District may be fixed at the town of Hertford, in the said State.

Mr. Mumford presented a memorial of sundry merchants and manufacturers of copper, in the City and State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in opposition to the prayer of a petition of Paul Revere and Joseph W. Revere, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, presented on the twenty-fourth of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, "that a duty may be imposed upon copper, in sheets, imported from foreign countries," and suggesting the propriety of a remission of the duty on zinc or spelter, old copper, brass, and pewter; also, on round copper plates

and raised bottoms of copper, imported for the purpose of manufacturing the same into stills within the United States.

The said petitions and memorial were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Garnett presented a petition of George Phil. Young, of Essex county, in the State of Virginia, praying compensation for his services as a private in the second Virginia State regiment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Mr. Crowninshield presented a petition of Joseph Morton, of Roxbury, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that he may be permitted to fund certain loan office certificates, which are now in the possession of the petitioner, as administrator on the estate of the late owner of the same.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Mosely presented a memorial of Stephen Alling, of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for his services as an officer in the Connecticut line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

On motion of Mr. Calhoun,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Edgefield Court House, to pass by the dwelling house of John Longmire, and through Willington, in Abbeville district, to Vienna; thence to Pendleton Court House, in the State of South Carolina.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee to whom was referred, on the third ultimo, a letter and representation of William Eaton, and a communication from Hamet Bashaw Carameli, Ex-bashaw of Tripoli, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday.

Mr. Garnett presented a petition of John Morgan, of the county of Caroline, in the State of Virginia, praying an augmentation of the pension heretofore allowed him, in consideration of wounds received whilst a private in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Findley, from the committee to whom was referred, on the thirtieth ultimo, a petition of the Associate Reformed or Presbyterian Congregation in the City of Washington, reported a bill for incorporating the Associate Reformed Church, in the City of Washington; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats," and made some progress therein.

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the said amendments be postponed until to-morrow.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act to change the name of the District of Bedford and Pepperelborough to that of Saco."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1807.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1807.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1807.

Mr. Cook from the committee appointed on the twelfth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Smilie,

Ordered, That Mr. Daniel Montgomery, junior, have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for ten days, from the twenty-first instant.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the eighteenth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to appropriate money for the providing of an additional number of gun-boats." And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported on the sixteenth instant, from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats;" and the said amendments being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Masters, and seconded, that the said bill be recommended to a Committee of the Whole House, for the purpose of striking out the sum of one million of dollars, and inserting the sum of fifteen hundred thousand dollars :

And on the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 35,
 { Nays 79.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Blake, junior,
John Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
Samuel W. Dana,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
John Harris,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
William Kirkpatrick,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Gurdon S. Mumford,

Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Isaac Wilbour.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,

Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Matthew Clay,

John Clopton,
 Howell Cobb,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Philip B. Key,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 William M'Creery,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,

Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 George M. Troup,
 Archibald Van Horne,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee appointed on the twenty-third ultimo, to whom were referred the letters and reports from the Commissioners under the act for the relief of the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia, which were laid before this House on the thirteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, also reported a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land appropriated for the refugees from the British provinces of Canada and Nova Scotia;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

On motion of Mr. Crowninshield, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the President of the United States to establish such telegraphs along the coasts, and in other situations in the United States, as he may deem proper:

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Van Horne,

Ordered, That the petitions of Benjamin Boyd and Richard Lyles, presented the eighth of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, respectively praying the liquidation and settlement of their claims for services rendered and supplies furnished the army of the United States during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

On motion of Mr. Willis Alston,

Resolved, That so much of the report of the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business as relates to the act, entitled "An act continuing, for a limited time, the sala-

ries of the officers of Government therein mentioned," approved on the twentieth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and four, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means; and that the said committee be directed to inquire into the expediency of continuing the said act in force for a farther time; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. John Montgomery,

Ordered, That Mr. Archibald Van Horne have leave to be absent from the service of this House for four days from this day.

Mr. Blount presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Washington, in the State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a mail boat may be established from the said town of Washington, or such other town as Congress in their wisdom shall deem proper, to Shell Castle Island, in the said State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

An engrossed bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1807.

Mr. John Smith presented a petition of Charles Mynn Thruston, in behalf of himself and others, who have been wounded or crippled in the service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, praying that the pensions granted by an act of Congress of the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seven, may be extended to the petitioners, respectively, from the times at which their wounds were received, or disabilities incurred.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Bassett, from the committee to whom was referred, on the eighteenth instant, the petition of the Vestry of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, reported a bill to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church of the town of Alexandria; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the twenty-first ultimo, the memorial of Peter Landais, of the State of New York, with sundry documents which accompanied the same, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Porter,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt, passed the sixth of January, one thousand eight hundred, with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Porter, Mr. Mumford, Mr. Crowninshield, Mr. Mosely, and Mr. Sloan, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Gray, from the committee appointed on the twentieth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill for amending the ordinance for the government of the Northwestern Territory, passed the thirteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Gray,

Ordered, That the memorial of Robert Mabry, of Southampton county, in the State of Virginia, presented on the eighteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, and praying compensation for his services as an officer in the fifteenth Virginia regiment, on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-second instant, the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendatory report of the Committee of Elections, of the seventh instant, to whom was recommitted their report on the memorial of Joshua Barney, of the State of Maryland; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the resolution contained therein, with an amendment; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to the consideration of the said resolution, as reported by the Committee of Elections, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That William McCreery, having the greatest number of votes, and being duly qualified agreeably to the Constitution of the United States, is entitled to his seat in this House: Whereupon,

The amendment reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House to strike out the words "*having the greatest number of votes, and being duly qualified agreeably to the Constitution of the United States,*" being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon,

Agreed to by the House, { Yeas 70,
 { Nays 37.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dam,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,

John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhca, of *Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horne,
Jesse Wharton,

Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,

Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Thomas Blount,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Findley,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
Daniel Hsley,
James Kelly,

John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

The said resolution, as amended, being again read, in the words following, to wit :
Resolved, That William McCreery is entitled to his seat in this House :

A motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, farther to amend the said resolution, by inserting, after the words " William McCreery," the following words: " by having the qualifications prescribed by the laws of Maryland."

An adjournment was then called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1807.

Mr. Randolph presented a memorial of Joseph Ward, a holder of certain bills of credit, emitted by the State of Rhode Island, pursuant to a resolution of Congress, under the former Government, dated the eighteenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, praying that he may receive the interest, together with the amount of the principal, due on the said bills, agreeably to the contract entered into on the part of the United States.

The said memorial was read, and, together with a document accompanying the same, ordered to be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statement of the district tonnage of the United States, on the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, together with an explanatory letter to him from the Register of the Treasury thereon; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Bassett,

Ordered, That Mr. Garnett have leave to be absent from this House until Thursday next.

Mr. Fisk presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Vermont, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that post roads may be established from Richford, through Montgomery, Enosburg, Bakersfield, Coit's Gore, Johnson, Hydspark, Morristown, Stowe, the North part of Waterbury, and Middlesex, to Montpelier, the present seat of Government of the State of Vermont; also, from Richford, on the Canada line, to the town of Montpelier aforesaid, through the other towns before mentioned.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Milnor presented a petition of Alexander Morrison, of the State of Pennsylvania, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for the value of a horse, which was taken into the service of the United States, and died by heat and fatigue whilst in

the service aforesaid, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the twelfth ultimo, in relation to claims barred by the statutes of limitation.

On motion of Mr. Chittenden,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Poultney, Castleton, Hubberton, and Sudbury, in the county of Rutland, and State of Vermont, presented on the thirty-first of January last, and praying the establishment of a post road, from Timothy Chittenden's in Poultney, through Castleton, Hubberton, Sudbury, Whiting, and Cornwall, to Middlebury, in the said State, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, reported a bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of Government therein mentioned;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Harris presented a petition of Gilbert Goodrich, a private in the fourth Massachusetts regiment on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of disability of the petitioner, occasioned by severe sickness whilst in the capacity aforesaid, which hath rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendatory report of the seventh instant, from the Committee of Elections, to whom was recommended their report on the memorial of Joshua Barney, of the State of Maryland: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Rowan, and seconded, that the said report be recommended to the Committee of Elections, farther to consider and report thereon to the House;

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The resolution contained in the said report as amended by the Committee of the Whole House being then again read, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That William McCreery is entitled to his seat in this House;

The amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Randolph, and depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, to insert, after the words, "William McCreery," the following words: "by having the qualifications prescribed by the laws of Maryland," was renewed, and, after debate, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 8,
 { Nays 92.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
William A. Burwell,

William Butler,
Joseph Callhoun,
Lemuel Sawyer,
James Sloan.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekial Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
John Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,

Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowinshield,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Barent Gardenier,
Charles Goldsborough,

Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,

John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Matthias Richards,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 John Taylor,
 David Thomas,
 John Thompson,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Archibald Van Horne,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 James Withersell.

And then the main question being taken that the House do agree to the said resolution as reported from the Committee of the Whole House,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 89,
 { Nays 18.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Boyle,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 John Campbell,
 Peter Carlton,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 Orchard Cook,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dans,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Joseph Desha,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,

William Findley,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Hrary,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Edward St. Loc Livermore,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,

Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,

Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Chandler,
John Clopton,
Daniel M. Durell,
Edwin Gray,
William Hoge,

James Holland,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Marion,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
John Randolph,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States ;' " to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Holland,

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to extend certain privileges, as therein mentioned to Anthony Boucherie ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1807.

On motion of Mr. Randolph, and seconded, to amend certain entries in the Supplemental Journal of the proceedings of the House at the present session, respecting which an injunction of secrecy was removed, on the twenty-second instant, in page second, to read as followeth :

"On motion of Mr. Randolph and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That an embargo be laid on all shipping, the property of citizens of the United States, now in port, or which shall hereafter arrive :

"And debate arising thereon,

"A message, pending the said debate, was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary, as followeth :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have, *in confidence*, directed me to inform this honorable House, that they have passed a bill, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew : Whereupon,

"It was moved by Mr. Macon, and ordered by the House, that the said motion of Mr. Randolph do lie on the table.

"The bill sent from the Senate, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' was read the first time.

"On motion,

"The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union."

And, on the question that the Supplemental Journal of the eighteenth of the present month be so amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Gardénier, and seconded, to amend the aforesaid Supplemental Journal, in the fourth page, by inserting the following amendment, immediately after the words "Monday, December twenty-one, one thousand eight hundred and seven," to read as followeth :

"A motion was made by Mr. Gardénier, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

"*Resolved*, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House copies of all such communications, letters, and papers, as may have been received from the American Minister at Paris, in relation to the Imperial decree of the twenty-first of November, one thousand eight hundred and six ; and particularly, such communications as he may have received from our said Minister at the time of receiving the papers which were laid before this House on Friday last : Whereupon,

"The question being stated from the Chair, that the House do now proceed to take the said motion into consideration,

"It passed in the negative."

And, on the question that the Supplemental Journal of the twenty-first instant be so amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Clopton,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider what provisions ought to be made, by law, for taking evidence in cases of contested elections of members of the House of Representatives of the United States ; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Clopton, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Marion, and Mr. G. W. Campbell, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Crowninshield,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing further time to obtain the benefit of drawback upon goods, wares, and merchandise, exported to foreign countries, than is at present allowed by law, with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act laying an embargo on vessels in the ports of the United States, so as to impose more effectual restraints on the departure of ships and vessels, and on the exportation of goods, wares, and merchandise, to any foreign port or place, with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Van Rensselaer presented a petition of Andries Van Patten, of Schenectady, the State of New York, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for supplies furnished by the petitioner at the post of Niagara, to workmen employed in the service of the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Helms,

Ordered, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads to whom was referred, on the eighteenth ultimo, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Ashbury, in Sussex county, and State of New Jersey, be discharged from the consideration of the same.

On motion of Mr. Helms,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the post route from New Hampton, in the county of Hunterdon, to Ashbury, in the county of Sussex, State of New Jersey, and the establishing a post office at Ashbury.

Mr. Van Cortlandt presented a petition of William Rice, a Captain in a German regiment, in the service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great

Britain, praying that the pension granted to him, in consideration of a wound received at the battle of Germantown, may be extended to the petitioner from the time of the reduction of the American army, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the fourth instant, to prepare and bring in a bill, or bills, in pursuance of a resolution relative to an adequate and comfortable support of such officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary army as are still existing in a state of indigence.

Mr. Milnor presented a memorial of James Cooper, junior, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that the difference between American and foreign duties on imports and tonnage, may be repaid to the memorialist, in the case of the schooner *Ann Eliza*, for the reasons therein specified.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Ordered, That Mr. Key have leave to be absent from the service of this House for ten days, Mr. Newbold for one week, and Mr. Goodwyn for fifteen days.

Mr. Blount presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Plymouth, in the State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a mail boat may be established to run between Shell Castle and Washington, on Tar river, in the said State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The Speaker presented a petition of Ebenezer Brown, of Newton, in the State of Massachusetts, praying relief in consideration of services rendered, and a wound received, whilst an officer in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the fourth instant, to prepare and bring in a bill, or bills, in pursuance of a resolution relative to an adequate and comfortable support of such officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary army as are still existing in a state of indigence.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to extend certain privileges, as therein mentioned, to Anthony Boucherie; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Taggart,

Ordered, That Peter Holloway, who presented a petition to this House on the fifteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and six, have leave to withdraw the same, with the accompanying documents.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplemental to an act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Stedman,

Resolved, That the Librarian be directed to receive and take charge of the map of the Territory of Orleans, presented to Congress by Mr. B. Lafon; and that the Speaker be requested to acknowledge the acceptance of the same.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee of the nineteenth ultimo, to whom was referred the petition of André Joseph Villard; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Willis Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same, with an amendment; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The resolution, as amended, was again read in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the sum of one thousand dollars be paid to André Joseph Villard, out

of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for his invention and improvement in the mode of mounting heavy cannon for batteries.

And, on the question that the House do agree to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Jacob Richards, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Newbold, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1807.

On motion of Mr. Macon,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing on the pension list of the United States such pensioners of each State as were put on the State pension list in consequence of wounds received in the Revolutionary war.

Mr. Macon presented to the House a certified list of invalid pensioners of North Carolina, which are annually paid by that State; which was ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Bibb, from the committee appointed, on the seventh instant, to inquire whether the Representatives' Hall can be rendered more suitable for the purposes of speaking and hearing, made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be instructed to direct the hanging of baize curtains between the columns; and that they defray the expenses thereof out of the contingent fund.

An engrossed bill to extend certain privileges, as therein mentioned, to Anthony Boucherie, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to extend certain privileges, as therein mentioned, to Anthony Boucherie."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill supplemental to an act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the preservation of peace, and maintenance of the authority of the United States, in the ports, harbors, and waters, under their jurisdiction;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road in the State of Kentucky, from Cinthiana, in the county of Harrison, to Paris, in the county of Bourbon, and from Paris to Georgetown, in the county of Scott.

Mr. Masters presented a petition of the Wyandot nation of Indians, and of the Chipewewa, Ottawa, and Pattawattamie nations, in behalf of the Wyandots, by their chiefs and sachems thereunto subscribed, praying that the title, in fee simple, to the two villages of Brownstown and Maguaga, on the river Detroit, in the Michigan Territory, may be confirmed to the said Wyandot nation of Indians, together with so much land in the vicinity of the villages aforesaid, for the purposes of agriculture, as Congress in their wisdom shall deem proper.

Mr. Masters also presented a petition of Whitmore Knaggs, Inspector for the Indian Department at Detroit, in the Territory of Michigan, praying that the title to a certain tract of land, which he purchased from the chiefs of the Ottawa nation of Indians, may be confirmed to the petitioner, in fee simple, by the Government of the United States.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Jedediah K. Smith presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of New Hampshire, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Dunstable to Concord, in the said State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of Government therein mentioned;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storer reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

On motion of Mr. Stanford,

Ordered, That the consideration of the said bill and amendment be postponed until day after to-morrow.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

Mr. Marion presented a memorial of sundry merchants and planters of the State of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating certain grievances to which they will be subjected by the operation of an act of Congress, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of slaves into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States, after the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight;" and praying such relief in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Willis Alston, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill continuing in force, for a farther time, the first section of the act, entitled "An act farther to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. John Smith have leave to be absent from the service of this House until Saturday next.

On motion of Mr. Holland,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Rutherfordton to Yorkville, South Carolina; and of discontinuing the post route from Rutherfordton to Greenville, in South Carolina; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Whereas the Constitution of the United States provides that no officer of the Government shall be eligible to a seat in either House of Congress, thereby establishing the genuine Republican principle, that the members of the Representative Body should be exempt from every improper bias; and, as it is the bounden duty of the Representatives of the People to give the fullest effect to constitutional principles—

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law, to prohibit the officers of Government from making any contract, on behalf of the United States, with any person being a member of either House of Congress, or with any other person for his or their use.

Resolved, That every contract hereafter to be made on the part of the Government of the United States, shall contain a clause or condition to render the contract absolutely void, if the contractor should be elected a member of either House of Congress.

Resolved, That any officer infringing the foregoing provisions, ought to be punished by removal from office, and incapacity of ever after holding any office whatever.

Ordered, That the said motion be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1807.

Mr. Elliot presented a petition of Elijah Brainerd, of the county of Hampshire, and State of Massachusetts, praying relief in consideration of wounds and other injury sustained whilst a private in a regiment of levies, raised in the State of Connecticut, and commanded by Colonel Comfort Sage, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered the petitioner incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed on the fourth instant, to prepare and bring in a bill, or bills, relating to an adequate and comfortable support of such officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary army as are still existing in a state of indigence.

Mr. Wilbour presented a petition of Constant Taber and Audley Clarke, of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, executors of the last will and testament of Caleb Gardner, deceased, praying that the accounting officers of the Treasury may be authorized to receive and register two loan office certificates, the property of the deceased, at the time of his death; or that such other relief may be afforded in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-second instant, the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

On motion of Mr. Wilbour,

Ordered, That the memorial of William Barton, of the State of Rhode Island, in behalf of himself and others, praying "that the accounts of a brigade of troops raised in the said State for general defence, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, may be adjusted and settled, and that such allowance for the depreciation of pay due to the said brigade, may be made as may be just and proper," which was presented to the House on the twentieth of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Knight presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from the town of Providence aforesaid, by the most direct route, to the town of Worcester, in Massachusetts.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill with the amendments do lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress the enclosed letters from Governor Hull, respecting the Indians in the vicinity of Detroit, residing within our lines. They contain information of the state of things in that quarter which will properly enter into their view in estimating the means to be provided for the defence of our country generally.

TH. JEFFERSON.

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The said message and letters were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee

appointed, on the twenty-ninth of October last, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of the same month, as relates to the military and naval establishments.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1807.

Mr. Porter presented a petition of John Læhman, a Surgeon in the Hospital Department of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of sufferings and hardships sustained by the petitioner whilst in the capacity aforesaid, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor; or that such other relief may be afforded him in the premises as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

On motion of Mr. Mosely,

Ordered, That the petition of Ann Welsh, of New London, in the State of Connecticut, presented on the sixth of January last, and praying relief in consideration of the loss of her husband, who was killed whilst a Captain of Marines in the expedition against Penobscot, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported yesterday from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States;" and the amendments to the second and subsequent section of the said bill being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The amendments to the first section being then under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded, to amend the said report by striking out the words, *or fisheries*: Whereupon, a debate ensued:

A motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause an inquiry to be made into the conduct of Brigadier General Wilkinson, Commander of the army of the United States, in relation to his having, at any time, whilst in the service of the United States, corruptly received money from the Government or Agents of Spain:

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution, and debate arising thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, that the said resolution be referred to a select committee, and that the committee have power to send for persons and papers: Whereupon,

A motion being made by Mr. Marion, and seconded, to strike out the last clause thereof, in the following words: *and that the committee have power to send for persons and papers*:

Another motion was then made by Mr. Thomas, and seconded, that the consideration of the said question, on striking out the words above recited, be postponed until Monday next:

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 68,
 { Nays 40.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Thomas Blount,

John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,

Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,

Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
John Tayler,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Meshack Franklin,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
Benjamin Howard,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,

Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

An adjournment was then called for : Whereupon,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 1, 1808.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments, yesterday ordered to lie on the table, to the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States"; and the question being taken on the amendment proposed to the amendment reported by the Committee of the Whole House, to strike out in the second line of the first section of the said bill, the words, *or fisheries* ;

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 29,
 { Nays 68.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Meshack Franklin,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
David Holmes,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,

Nathaniel Macon,
William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Issiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,

John Lambert,
Edward St. Loc Livermore,
Robert Marion,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marnaduke Williams,
James Witherell.

The question was then stated that the House do agree to the amendment of the Committee of the Whole House, to the first section of the said bill, amended to read as followeth :

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, during the continuance of the act to which this act is a supplement, no vessel licensed for the coasting trade or fisheries shall be allowed to depart from any port of the United States, or shall receive a clearance, until the owner, consignee, agent, or factor, shall with the master give bond, with one or more sureties to the United States, in a sum double the value of the vessel and cargo, that the vessel and cargo shall not proceed to any foreign port or place, and that

the cargo shall be re-landed in some port of the United States : *Provided*, That it shall be sufficient in relation to vessels licensed for the fisheries, or bound on a whaling voyage, and having no other cargo than sea stores, salt, and the usual fishing tackle and apparel, to give a general bond in four times the value of the vessel and cargo, that they shall not, during the continuance of the abovementioned act, proceed to any foreign port or place, and shall return with their fishing fare to some port or place within the United States.

A division of the question was called for by Mr. Lloyd, and, on the question to agree to so much of the said section, as is contained in the same, down to the word "*Provided*,"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken that the House do agree to the residue of the said section,

And resolved in the affirmative.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. John Morrow have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, for ten days.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 2, 1808.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, to amend the Journal of the twenty-third and twenty-fourth ultimo, by striking out the word "*by*," immediately preceding the words "having the qualifications prescribed by the laws of Maryland," in pages one hundred and ninety and one hundred and ninety-three, of the printed copies thereof :

And on the question that the Journal be so amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Matthew Clay, from the committee appointed on the sixteenth of November last, presented according to order, a bill to amend the several acts more effectually to provide for the national defence by the militia of the United States ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Randolph presented a petition of Anthony Benezet and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the House will take into consideration, and ultimately decide on their petition, presented on the eleventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and five, for relief against a judgment awarded in the Circuit Court of the United States, for the Pennsylvania district, against the administrators or securities of the deceased, in consequence of the forfeiture of a bond given for the faithful performance of the duty of Daniel Benezet, deceased, as Collector of the Customs for the district and port of Great Egg Harbor, in the State of New Jersey.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States ;" Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to day.

Mr. Findley presented a petition of Elisha Gordon, praying the renewal of a loan office certificate, the property of the petitioner, which was lost or destroyed some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

Mr. Randolph presented a petition of Tarlton Woodson, of Prince Edward county in the State of Virginia, praying that he may receive the commutation of half pay and other emoluments due for his services as an officer of the Virginia line on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Elections, of the seventeenth ultimo, to whom were referred the petition of Duncan M'Farland, and several documents re-

ceived during the present session, relative to the contested election of John Culpeper, returned to serve in this House as one of the members from North Carolina; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the resolution contained therein; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table; where the same was read, as followeth:

Resolved, That from the testimony laid before and admitted by the committee, it appears that John Culpeper is not entitled to a seat in this House.

The House then proceeded to consider the said resolution at the Clerk's table;

And on the question that the House doth concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Livermore,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Ipswich, in the county of Essex, and State of Massachusetts, presented on the twenty-seventh of February last, praying that beacons and buoys may be erected, at the expense of the United States, at the entrance into the harbor and river of Ipswich, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Blake have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for fifteen days, from Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Stanford,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States, be postponed until Thursday next.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States," was read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 73,
 { Nays 22.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
John Chandler,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durrell,
William Findley,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,

Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M^cCreery,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gordon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of Pennsylvania,
John Rea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,

Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,

James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,

Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
Nathaniel Macon,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horne.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Van Cortlandt have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Blount,

Resolved, That the Speaker address a letter to the Executive of the State of North Carolina, communicating information of the decision of this House vacating the seat of John Culpeper, one of the members returned from that State to serve in this House, in order that measures may be taken to supply the vacancy occasioned thereby in the representation from that State.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 4, 1808.

Mr. Burwell presented to the House a petition of sundry inhabitants of Franklin county, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the present post route from Lynchburg to Franklin Court House, in the said State of Virginia, may pass by the store of Joel Shrewsbury and Co.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Porter presented a memorial of sundry merchants and traders in the city of Philadelphia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received and read, praying that such vessels as had taken in their cargoes, and received regular clearances from the custom house, previous to any notice of the passage of the "Act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States," may be permitted to proceed to the places for which they respectively cleared; or that such other relief in the premises may be granted them, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet and proper.

A motion was made by Mr. Porter, and seconded, that the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures:

And, after debate, the question was taken thereupon,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas..... 91,
Nays..... 16.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,

Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,

John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,

William M^cCreery,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Scaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
Joseph Desha,
Benjamin Howard,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Roger Nelson,

Lemuel Sawyer,
James Sloan,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horne,
Marmaduke Williams,
Richard Winn.

Mr. Bacon presented to the House a memorial signed, by order and at the unanimous request of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, by James Sullivan, in his official capacity as Governor of the said State, praying the attention of the National Government to the claim and rights of sundry citizens of the said State of Massachusetts, in and to certain lands purchased under grants of the State of Georgia, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and that all obstructions to an impartial investigation of their rights may be removed, and that their claims may be adjusted by an equitable compromise, or that such other relief may be afforded by Congress as shall seem just and proper.

A motion was made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, to refer the said memorial to the Committee of Claims :

Another motion was then made by Mr. Burwell, and seconded by Mr. M. Clay, that the said memorial be referred to a select committee :

And, after debate thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Marion, and seconded, to refer the same to a Committee of the Whole House : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker decided that the motion to refer to a Committee of the Whole House superseded the motions for reference to the Committee of Claims, and to a select committee.

The question was then taken on the motion for a reference of the said memorial to a Committee of the Whole House ;

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 71,
 { Nays 37.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William Blackledge,
John Boyle,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,

Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. B. bb,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Edwin Gray,

David Holmes,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Josiah Masters,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Randolph,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,

Richard Stanford,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horne,

Jesse Wharton,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

A motion was made by Mr. Newton, and seconded, that it be the order of the day for the first of June next ;

And on the question being put thereon,
It passed in the negative.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Trigg, and seconded, that it be the order of the day for the first of May next ;

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 41,
 { Nays 66.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Howell Cobb,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Meshack Franklin,
Edwin Gray,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,

Josiah Masters,
Thomas Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horne,
Jesse Wharton,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
William Blackledge,
Joseph Calhoun,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms.

James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Isley,
Robert Jenkins,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
Matthias Richards,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,

Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,

James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Vandyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
James Withereil.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Milnor, and seconded, and the question being put, that it be the order of the day for the second Monday in February next ;

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill sent from this House, entitled " An act to extend certain privileges, as therein mentioned, to Anthony Boucherie," without amendment. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Crowninshield presented to the House a memorial and petition of Jonathan Grout, of the State of Massachusetts, stating that he is the inventor of the art of communicating intelligence by *telegraphs*, to a much greater extent than has heretofore been known or practised in any part of the world ; and praying that some person may be authorized on behalf of the United States to contract with him for the establishment of such line or lines of *telegraphs*, for the purpose of conveying intelligence of public or governmental concern ; or that such other contract on behalf of the public may be made with your petitioner, relative to the premises, as may seem meet and proper.

The said memorial and petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Crowninshield, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Findley, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Troup, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1808.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act supplementary to an act, entitled ' An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats,' with two amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled " An act extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes, with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

The House resumed the consideration of a resolution proposed by him on the thirty-first ultimo, relative to an inquiry into the conduct of Brigadier General Wilkinson : Whereupon,

The motion made by Mr. Gardenier, which was depending on the same day at the time of adjournment, that the said resolution be referred to a select committee, and that the committee have power to send for persons and papers, being again read :

The question occurred on a motion made by Mr. Marion, to amend the same, by striking out the words, " *and that the committee have power to send for persons and papers,*" which was postponed by a vote of the House until the fourth instant ; and, after debate thereon, the said question was taken,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 72,
 { Nays 38.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,

William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield,

Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 William Findley,
 Mesback Franklin,
 Francis Gardner,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Robert Marion,
 William McCreery,
 William Milnor,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,

Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Clement Storer,
 John Taylor,
 David Thomas,
 John Thompson,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 William Blackledge,
 John Boyle,
 John Campbell,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 Howell Cobb,
 John Davenport, junior,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 James Fisk,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,

Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Russell,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Abram Trigg,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horne,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Jesse Wharton,
 James Witherell.

And on the question that the House do agree to the first part of the motion for a reference of the proposal resolution to a select committee,
 It passed in the negative.

The said resolution being then again read at the Clerk's table, the question was stated from the chair, that the House do agree to the same; and debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6, 1808.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the petition of Joseph Ward, referred to him by order of the House, on the twenty-fourth ultimo; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Ely presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Hampshire and

Berkshire, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that a post road may be established from Springfield, in the county of Hampshire, to Hinsdale, in the county of Berkshire, aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of sundry inhabitants and occupiers of land in the Mississippi Territory, whose names are thereunto described, praying that the titles to the several tracts or parcels of land on which the petitioners reside, may be confirmed to them in fee simple by the Government of the United States, for the reasons therein specified.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Poindexter also presented a petition of Alexander Bailie, late Collector of the Customs of the District of Natchez, in the Mississippi Territory, stating, that, by a train of unfortunate events, the petitioner has become insolvent, and is indebted to the United States upwards of five thousand dollars, without having property or funds of any kind sufficient to discharge the same; and praying such relief in the premises as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Milnor, Mr. Wilson, and Mr. Johnson, with power to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Findley presented a petition of Owen Newman, of Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for his services as Issuing Commissary to the Virginia line on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-second ultimo, the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

Ordered, That Mr. John Montgomery have leave to be absent from the service of this House, one week, from Monday last.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to extend certain privileges, as therein mentioned, to Anthony Boucherie," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Jacob Richards, from the committee appointed on the twenty-eighth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill granting to André Joseph Villard a sum of money for his invention and improvement in the mode of mounting heavy cannon for batteries; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. George Washington Campbell,

Ordered, That the unfinished business depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, on the question that the House do agree to a resolution proposed by Mr. Randolph on the thirty-first ultimo, for an inquiry into the conduct of Brigadier General James Wilkinson, do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jacob Richards reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Nelson presented to the House a petition of John Holker, praying the renewal of certain loan office certificates, the property of the petitioner, which were destroyed by the burning of his house in the city of Philadelphia, in the month of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

The House, according to the order of the day, proceeded to consider the amendments reported on the twenty-ninth ultimo, by the Committee of the Whole House to the bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of Government therein mentioned;" and, the said amendments being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed until the first Monday in February next :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the said bill, as amended, be recommitted to the Committee of Ways and Means, farther to consider and report thereon to the House :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

An engrossed bill continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to revive and continue in force, for a farther time, the first section of an act, entitled 'An act farther to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7, 1808.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, transmitting reports relating to post roads which have been established more than two years, and have not, in the last year, produced one-third part of the expense of carrying the mail on the same ; and to the number of clerks employed in his office during the last year, and the salary allowed to each ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Southard presented to the House two resolutions of the Legislature of the State of New Jersey, relative to a uniform standard of weights and measures for the United States.

The said resolutions were read : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Southard, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the propriety of establishing, by law, a standard whereby all weights and measures in common use within the United States may be fixed with uniformity and precision ; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Southard, Mr. Burwell, Mr. Dana, Mr. Bacon, and Mr. Smelt, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Pitkin presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Froming, in the county of Middlesex, through the several towns of Southborough, Westborough, Grafton, Sutton, Oxford, and Dudley, in Massachusetts ; thence through the towns of Woodstock and Ashford, to the road leading from Providence to Hartford, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the States aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Mumford presented a memorial of James Creighton, of the City of New York, a native citizen of the United States, in behalf of his son, James Creighton, junior, praying to be allowed the drawback of duty on certain articles of merchandise shipped from the port of New York, on board the brig Penelope, and regularly entered for exportation to the Havana, the benefit of which drawback hath hitherto been refused in con-

sequence of the said James Creighton, jun. having omitted to take the oath and enter into bond within the time prescribed by law.

Mr. Mumford also presented a petition of James Thomson, of the City of New York, merchant, praying the benefit of drawback on certain articles of merchandise exported in the ship Cuba to the Havana, which hath been refused for the reasons stated in the foregoing memorial.

The said memorial and petition were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Dana,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the propriety of allowing an extension of credit, during the continuance of the existing embargo, for duties secured on imported goods or merchandise, which might otherwise be exported for the benefit of drawback, according to law, in case such goods or merchandise shall be deposited with the Collectors of the Customs, respectively, in pledge for satisfying such duties with charges of safe-keeping.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a memorial of sundry members of the Legislature of the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Marietta, in Washington county, to Dayton, in the county of Montgomery, through the towns of Springfield and Zanesville, in Muskingum county, Newark, Franklinton, in the county of Franklin, and Springfield, in the county of Cham-paigne, in the said State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a petition of sundry purchasers of public lands within the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying such a modification of the laws relating to the sale of lands, the property of the United States, as may enable the petitioners and other settlers within the said State, to make payments without the inconveniences and losses to which they will otherwise be subjected.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Dearborn, in the Indiana Territory of the United States, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating their disapprobation of a law passed by the Legislature of the said Territory, "for the regulation of negroes," by which slavery is, in the opinion of the petitioners, much more established than what is consistent with the ordinance of Congress, of the thirteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven: and praying that the boundaries of the State of Ohio may be so extended as to include the county of Dearborn, aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Milnor, Mr. John Smith, and Mr. Seaver; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Ordered, That there be printed, for the use of this House, so much of the laws of Maryland, passed the twenty-fifth of January, one thousand eight hundred and six, and referred to in the report of the Committee of Elections, made on the eleventh of December last, relative to the election of Philip B. Key, as the said report has reference to.

On motion of Mr. Blount,

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats:.'" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made by Mr. Burwell, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That Mr. John Randolph, Representative in Congress from the State of Virginia, and Mr. Daniel Clark, Delegate from the Territory of Orleans, be requested to lay upon the Clerk's table, all papers and other information in their possession, in relation to the conduct of Brigadier General James Wilkinson, while in the service of the United States, in corruptly receiving money from the Government or agents of Spain:

And, after debate thereon,

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same;

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 90,
 { Nays 19.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
Jacob Crowninshield,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,



Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
William Findley,
John Heister,
James Holland,
Daniel Ilsley,
John Lambert,
Robert Marion,

Roger Nelson,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Rowan,
James Sloan,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Robert Whitehill,
James Witherell.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8, 1808.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Thomas Glen, stating himself to be a native citizen of Wilmington, in North Carolina, and requesting the aid and patronage of Congress to release him from on board one of the ships belonging to the King of Great Britain, now lying in Hampton Roads, near the entrance of the Bay of Chesapeake.

The said letter was read : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Crowninshield, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the letter addressed to the Speaker of the House of Representatives by Thomas Glen, who alleges himself to be an American citizen, now serving against his inclination in the British frigate Statira, lying in Hampton Roads, be referred to the Secretary of State, that inquiry may be made as to the facts stated therein, with a view to his liberation :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the sixth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to extend certain privileges, as therein mentioned, to Anthony Boucherie;" also, that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Bacon presented a petition of Grove Pomeroy, of West Stockbridge, in the State of Massachusetts, praying the renewal of certain certificates of public debt, the property of the petitioner, which were consumed by fire some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

An engrossed bill to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled "An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of Government therein mentioned," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of Government therein mentioned.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the seventh instant, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act to extend certain privileges, as therein mentioned, to Anthony Boucherie."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate, for the information of Congress, the report of the Director of the Mint, of the operations of that establishment during the last year.

TH. JEFFERSON.

JANUARY 8, 1808.

The said message and report were read, and, together with sundry statements accompanying the same, ordered to be referred to Mr. Willis Alston, Mr. Upham, Mr. Marion, Mr. Jacob Richards, and Mr. George W. Campbell, with instruction to report thereon by way of bill, or bills.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I now render to Congress the account of the fund established for defraying the contingent expenses of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Of the sum of eighteen thousand and twelve dollars and fifty cents, which remained unexpended at the close of the year one thousand eight hundred and six, eight thousand seven hundred and thirty-one dollars and eleven cents have been placed in the hands of the Attorney General of the United States, to enable him to defray sundry expenses incident to the prosecution of Aaron Burr, and his accomplices, for treasons and misdemeanors alleged to have been committed by them, and the unexpended balance of nine thousand two hundred and seventy-five dollars thirty-nine cents, is now carried, according to law, to the credit of the surplus fund.

TH. JEFFERSON.

JANUARY 8, 1808.

The said message was read, and, together with the account referred to therein, ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was yesterday referred a report from the Postmaster General of the United States, relating to the number of Clerks employed in his office during the last year, and the salary allowed to each, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said report be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That Mr. Nelson be appointed of the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth of October last, so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of the same month, as relates to the military and naval establishments, in the room of Mr. Van Cortlandt, who hath obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion,

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution proposed by Mr. Randolph, on the thirty-first ultimo, relative to the conduct of Brigadier General James Wilkinson: Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Milnor,

Ordered, That the said resolution do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Chandler presented the memorials of Jonas Farnsworth and John Berry, of Machias, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the pensions granted in consideration of wounds received by them, respectively, may be extended to the petitioners from the time at which their said disabilities were incurred.

The said memorials were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twentieth of November last, the petition of Mary Barclay, widow of Thomas Barclay, deceased, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Crownshield,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the resolution authorizing the establishment of telegraphs, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said resolution be referred to the committee to whom was referred the petition of Jonathan Groat.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States:'" Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said amendments be postponed until Monday next:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said amendments be postponed until to-morrow.

And the question being put thereupon,
 It passed in the negative, { Yeas 39,
 { Nays 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Joseph Barker,
 William Blackledge,
 John Campbell,
 Peter Carlton,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, junior,
 William Ely,
 Francis Gardner,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Edwin Gray,
 William Hoge,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Robert Jenkins,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,

Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Jabez Upham,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horne,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 John Chandler,
 Matthew Clay,
 Howell Cobb,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 John Love,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creery,

Daniel Montgomery, junior,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, of Pennsylvania,
 John Rhea, of Tennessee,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Peter Swart,
 John Taylor,
 David Thomas,
 John Thompson,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 James Witherell.

The said amendments of the Senate were then twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1808.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General of the United States, accompanying his report on the petition of Samuel Whiting, referred to him by the order of the House, on the second ultimo; which were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Van Rensselaer, Mr. Burwell, and Mr. Cobb, with instruction to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Wilbour presented a petition of sundry citizens of the State of Rhode Island, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a light house may be erected on Point Judith, within the limits of the said State, for the reasons therein specified.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. John Campbell,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Calvert and St. Mary's counties, in the State of Maryland, presented on the nineteenth of January last, and praying that a post road may be established on the East side of the Patuxent river, from St. Leonard's to Drum Point, and that a post office may be fixed at Drum Point aforesaid, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Marmaduke Williams, from the committee appointed on the first ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill making additional compensation to the marshals for the districts of North Carolina and New Jersey; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Desha presented a petition of John N. Stout, jailer of Fleming county, in the State of Kentucky, praying compensation for the maintenance of a certain George Barnaby, who was committed to the jail of the said county by virtue of process issued from the Clerk's office of the Federal Court for the district of Kentucky, and released therefrom in consequence of error in the proceedings subsequent to the judgment awarded by the said Court.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That, for the encouragement and security of seamen of the United States, it is expedient to make provision that registered ships or vessels, after a time to be limited by law, shall not continue to enjoy the benefits and privileges appertaining to ships or vessels of the United States, unless some proportion of the mariners on board the same shall be citizens of the United States.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before this House a statement of the respective numbers of citizens of the United States, registered as an American seamen, and now belonging to the several districts of the customs, according to the returns made by the Collectors, in pursuance of the law relative to the relief and protection of American seamen.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church in the town of Alexandria; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storer reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Ways and Means, of the twenty-third of November last, to whom were referred the petitions of Samuel Beebe and Edward Weld; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storer reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the resolution contained therein; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the accounting officers of the Treasury Department be authorized to settle the accounts of Edward Weld and Samuel Beebe, and pay the former the sum of one

hundred dollars, and the latter the sum of fifty dollars, with interest on those respective sums, at the rate of eight per cent. per annum, agreeable to the terms of the aforesaid loan.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Ways and Means do prepare and bring in the same.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Ira Allen, of the State of Vermont, offering a book, entitled "Olive Branch," to the acceptance of Congress.

The said letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the impeachment of Samuel Chase; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Tuesday next.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of George Douglass, of the county of Rockland, in the State of New York, praying relief in consideration of services rendered, and injuries sustained, whilst a forage-master-serjeant in the army of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Samuel Smith presented a petition of Hugh Means, of the county of Mercer, in the State of Pennsylvania, which was received and read, praying compensation for his services as a supernumerary officer of a detachment of troops known by the name of "Pennsylvania Rangers," during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

On motion of Mr. Van Horne, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Secretary of the Treasury be requested to lay before this House a statement shewing the amount of tonnage employed in the exportation of articles the produce or manufacture of the United States.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Claims, of the twenty-third ultimo, on the memorial of Peter Landais, of the State of New York; which lay on the table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That Peter Landais have leave to withdraw his memorial, and the papers accompanying the same.

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Librarian be directed to receive and take charge of the book "Olive Branch," presented to Congress by Ira Allen, of Vermont; and that the Speaker be requested to acknowledge the acceptance of the same:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill remitting the duties payable on the importation of a monument to be erected in memory of the officers of the United States' navy, who fell during the attack made on the City of Tripoli, in the year one thousand eight hundred and four; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the eighth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats;'" also, that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States;'" and another, entitled "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Blackledge, one of the members from North Carolina, presented to the House a resolution of the Legislature of the said State, relative to the erection of a fort for the command of the bar of Old Topsail Inlet, and the defence of Beaufort harbor.

The said resolution was read : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Blackledge, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Speaker transmit to the President of the United States, the resolution of North Carolina, instructing the Senators, and requesting the Representatives, of that State, in Congress, to use their endeavors to cause a sufficient fort to be built for the command of the bar of Old Topsail Inlet, and the defence of Beaufort harbor.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11, 1808.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, who were instructed by a resolution of this House, of the twelfth of November last, to inquire into the expediency of allowing additional compensation to the Board of Commissioners appointed for the purpose of ascertaining claims to land West of Pearl river, in the Mississippi Territory, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for twenty days.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the fourth instant, a memorial of sundry merchants and traders of the City of Philadelphia, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Bassett presented a petition of Betsey Booth, of the County of Accomack, in the State of Virginia, devisee of John Harris, deceased, a captain in the navy of the said State, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, praying that the proportion of land due for the services of the deceased, in the capacity aforesaid, may be granted to the petitioner, and be located on such lands, belonging to the United States, as Congress in their wisdom may deem proper.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Oliver Evans ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill being then farther amended at the Clerk's table, was, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Clopton have leave to be absent from the service of this House for fifteen days.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the ninth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills : one, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States ;' and another, entitled "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes."

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the eighth instant, approve and sign "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, and for building gun-boats ;' also, that the President did, on the ninth instant, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House : one, entitled "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Mississippi Territory, and for other purposes ;" and another, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of a resolution proposed by Mr. Randolph, on the thirty-first ultimo, relative to an inquiry into the conduct of Brigadier General Wilkinson : Whereupon,

Mr. Clarke, the Delegate from the Territory of Orleans, in pursuance of a resolution

of this House, of the eighth instant, laid on the Clerk's table certain information, in writing, touching the conduct of the said General Wilkinson.

A motion was then made by Mr. Rowan, and seconded, to amend the resolution under consideration, to read as followeth :

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to inquire into the conduct of Brigadier General Wilkinson, in relation to his having, at any time, whilst in the service of the United States, corruptly received money from the Government of Spain, or its Agents ; and that the said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and to compel their attendance and production ; and that they report the result of their inquiry to this House.

And the same being read at the Clerk's table, Mr. Speaker decided that the said amendment, being a substitute for the original resolution, could not be admitted conformably to the rules of the House : Whereupon,

Mr. Randolph withdrew the said resolution proposed by him on the thirty-first ultimo.

The House then proceeded to consider the resolution moved by Mr. Rowan ; and, after debate thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Gardner, and seconded, that the farther consideration thereof be postponed until to-morrow :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

An adjournment was then called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1808.

Mr. Kirkpatrick presented a representation of the inhabitants of the county of Jefferson, in the State of New York, by a committee appointed at a meeting of the said inhabitants, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating the dangers to which the petitioners will be exposed in case of incursions by hostile Indians, or troops from the British Province of Canada ; and praying that a military station may be established at some convenient place on the river St. Lawrence, and such other measures adopted for their protection and safety, as, in the wisdom of Congress, the urgency of the case may require.

The said representation was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, transmitting a report from the Commissioners of the Navy Pension Fund, in obedience to the act "for the better Government of the Navy of the United States," with sundry accompanying documents ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanied with two statements, marked A and B, exhibiting the number and names of the clerks employed in the offices of the Secretary and Accountant of the Navy Department, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, and the salary allowed to each ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Wilbour presented a petition of Resolved Carr, of Westerly, in the State of Rhode Island, praying that he may receive the bounty allowed by law, to vessels employed in the whale and cod fisheries of the United States, in the case of the schooner Mary and Elizabeth, of Paucatuck, the benefit of which bounty hath been refused by the Collector for the District of Newport, in consequence of an alleged informality in the agreement between the petitioner, as owner of the said schooner, and the fishermen employed by him.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

An engrossed bill to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the impeachment of Samuel Chase was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the impeachment of Samuel Chase."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Oliver Evans was read the third time : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, that the said bill be re-committed to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that the said bill be committed to a select committee, to consider and report thereon to the House :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Oliver Evans."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Van Horne presented a memorial of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Common Council, of the city of Annapolis, in the State of Maryland, and of sundry other inhabitants of the said city, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that such measures may be adopted for the defence of the harbor of Annapolis, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of War for his information.

Mr. Eppes, from the committee to whom were referred, on the twentieth of November, and seventh of December last, a memorial of sundry citizens of the first and second wards of the city of Washington, in the Territory of Columbia, and certain parts of a memorial of the first and second Chambers of the City Council of Washington, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of Washington, in the District of Columbia," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The House resumed the consideration of a resolution moved by Mr. Rowan, for the appointment of a special committee to inquire into the conduct of Brigadier General Wilkinson, with power to send for persons and papers, and to compel their attendance and production, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Rowan, and seconded, to amend the said resolution, to read as followeth :

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to inquire into the conduct of Brigadier General Wilkinson, in relation to his having, at any time, whilst in the service of the United States, corruptly received money from the Government of Spain, or its Agents ; or in relation to his having, during the time aforesaid, been an accomplice, or in any way concerned with the Agents of any Foreign Power, or with Aaron Burr, in a project to dismember these United States ; and that the said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and to compel their attendance and production ; and that they report the result of their inquiry to this House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Love, and seconded, to amend the resolution last proposed, by adding to the end thereof, the following words : "And that a fair copy of the information and papers laid on the Clerk's table, relative to the conduct of the said General James Wilkinson, in the matters in question, be immediately transmitted to the President of the United States."

And the said amendment, with the consent of the mover of the original resolution, being made a part of the same, the said resolution, so modified, was again read, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to inquire into the conduct of Brigadier General Wilkinson, in relation to his having, at any time, whilst in the service of the United States, corruptly received money from the Government of Spain, or its Agents ; or in relation to his having, during the time aforesaid, been an accomplice, or in any way concerned with the Agents of any Foreign Power, or with Aaron Burr, in a project to dismember these United States ; and that the said committee have power to send for persons and papers, and to compel their attendance and production ; and that they report the result of their inquiry to this House ; and that a fair copy of the infor-

mation and papers laid on the Clerk's table, relative to the conduct of the said General James Wilkinson, in the matters in question, be immediately transmitted to the President of the United States.

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That the information, in writing, communicated by Mr. Clark, the Delegate from the Territory of Orleans, in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the seventh instant, relative to the conduct of Brigadier General Wilkinson, be printed for the use of the members.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims to whom were referred, on the first and eighteenth ultimo, the petitions of Duncan M'Vicker, of the State of Pennsylvania, and of George Phil. Young, of the State of Virginia, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

On motion of Mr. Chittenden,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the Court House in Burlington, in the county of Chittenden, in the State of Vermont, to the Court House in the county of Grand Isle.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Lewis, from the committee to whom was referred, on the second of November last, a memorial of Robert Peters and others, reported a bill authorizing the proprietors of squares and lots in the city of Washington, to have the same subdivided and admitted to record; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Lloyd have leave to be absent from the service of this House for ten days.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Suffolk, in Virginia, to South Quay.

Mr. Willis Alston, from the committee to whom were referred, on the eighth instant, a written message from the President of the United States, communicating a report of the Director of the Mint, with sundry accompanying documents, presented, according to order, a bill to prolong the continuance of the Mint at Philadelphia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented petitions of sundry purchasers of public lands within the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that such modification and amendment of the acts for the sale of lands belonging to the United States, may be made, as Congress, in their wisdom, shall deem reasonable and proper, to enable the petitioners and other settlers to make their payments without the losses to which they will otherwise be subjected.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Parke,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Parke, Mr. Bard, Mr. Taggart, Mr. Gardner, and Mr. Sawyer, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of South Carolina, presented on the fourteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and praying the establishment of a post road from Givhan's ferry, on Edisto river, by Brewton's and the White Ponds, to Augusta, in the State of Georgia, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee,'" with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers,'" with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution moved by Mr. Rowan, as modified by an amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Love, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment :

And a motion being made by Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded, farther to amend the said resolution, Mr. Rowan withdrew the same from the Clerk's table.

Mr. Randolph then renewed the motion made by him on the thirty-first ultimo, and withdrawn on the eleventh instant, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause an inquiry to be made into the conduct of Brigadier General Wilkinson, Commander of the army of the United States, in relation to his having, at any time, whilst in the service of the United States, corruptly received money from the Government or agents of Spain.

The House proceeded to take into their farther consideration the said proposed resolution ; and, after debate thereon, the question was taken that the House do agree to the same ;

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 72,
 { Nays 49.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Richard M. Johnson,

Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Abram Trigg,

George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,

Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
John Chandler,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,

William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith.
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Archibald Van Horne.
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
James Witherell.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before the House of Representatives all the information which may at any time, from the establishment of the present Federal Government to the present time, have been forwarded to any Department of the Government, touching a combination between the agents of any foreign Government and citizens of the United States, for dismembering the Union, or going to show that any officer of the United States has, at any time, corruptly received money from any foreign Government or its agents ; distinguishing, as far as possible, the period at which such information has been forwarded, and by whom :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was unanimously resolved in the affirmative, by yeas and nays, every member present voting in the affirmative, to wit :

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,

John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden.
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,

John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Renben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loc Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jr.
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,

Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horne,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell.

On motion of Mr. Love, and seconded,

Resolved, That copies of the papers and information relative to the conduct of General James Wilkinson, which have been laid on the Clerk's table of this House, be transmitted to the President of the United States.

On motion,

Ordered, That a committee be appointed to present the foregoing resolutions, together with certified copies of the papers and information referred to in the last resolution, to the President of the United States; and that Mr. Randolph and Mr. Eppes be the said committee.

On a motion made by Mr. Rowan, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to inquire into the conduct of Brigadier General Wilkinson, in relation to his having, at any time, whilst in the service of the United States, either as a civil or military officer, been a pensioner of the Government of Spain, or corruptly received money from that Government or its agents, and that the said committee have power to send for such persons and papers as may be necessary to assist their inquiries, and that they report the result to this House, to enable this House the better to legislate on subjects of the common weal, and our foreign relations, and particularly our relation with Spain, as well as on the subject of the increase of the army of the United States, and its regulation:

And, on the question that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration,

It passed in the negative.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 1808.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Van Horne, to whom was referred, on the tenth of November last, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, reported a bill for incorporating a company for opening the canal in the city of Washington; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill supplemental to an act, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act continuing in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers:.'" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Poindexter, from the committee to whom was referred, on the sixth instant, a petition of Alexander Bailie, late Collector of the Customs for the District of Natchez, in the Mississippi Territory, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Alexander Bailie; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to loan to the State of Ohio, for the term of seven years, seven thousand stand of arms, for the purpose of arming, in part, the militia of the said State, under such restrictions and regulations, as to safe-keeping and redelivery, as the President may prescribe.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to loan to the State of Ohio, for the term of seven years, twenty pieces of field artillery, with carriages complete, for the use of the artillery companies of militia, in the said State, under such regulations and restrictions, as to safe-keeping and redelivery, as the President may prescribe.

Ordered, That the said resolutions be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, sent from this House, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of Government therein mentioned,'" with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims have leave to sit to-morrow, during the sitting of the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to prolong the continuance of the mint at Philadelphia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cuts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Stanford,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be instructed to prepare and report a bill to this House, fixing and allowing to each clerk in the several Departments, and in the General Post Office, adequate and suitable salaries, according to their services respectively.

Mr. Smilie presented a petition of John Craig, a citizen of Greene county, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that the pension allowed him in consideration of wounds received by the petitioner whilst a private in the army of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, may be extended to him from the termination of the war aforesaid; or that such other relief may be granted in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Dawson, and seconded,

That the House do now, according to the order of the day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report, in part, made the second ultimo, by the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of October last, as relates to the military and naval establishments.

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 1808.

Mr. Parke, from the committee appointed on the thirteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Porter, from the committee appointed on the twenty-third of December last, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee;'" and another, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, for a farther time, the first section of the act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers;'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Green presented a petition of sundry owners of vessels and other citizens of Nantucket, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that an additional number of buoys may be placed at or near the harbor of Nantucket, for the benefit of vessels bound to or sailing from the said harbor.

Mr. John Campbell presented a petition of sundry pilots of the Chesapeake bay, and Potomac river, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that such measures may be adopted for the government of pilots, and the establishment of their fees, within the Territory of Columbia, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. John Campbell,

Ordered, That the memorials of sundry merchants, planters, and other inhabitants of the counties of St. Mary's and Charles, in the State of Maryland, presented to this House on the twenty-third of November, one thousand eight hundred and three, the tenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and four, and the fourth and seventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and five, for and against the removal of the office of the collector of the customs from Nanjemoy to St. Mary's river, in the said State, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Edward Weld and Samuel Beebee : which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of Government therein mentioned.'" Whereupon,

The said amendments being read to strike out in the fourth and fifth lines of the engrossed bill, the words, "continue in force for the term of three years, and to the end of the next session of Congress thereafter, and no longer," and to insert, in lieu thereof, the words "hereby is made perpetual;" also, to strike out the words "for a limited time," in the first line of the title of the said bill :

And the question being taken that the House do agree to the said amendments,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 26,
 { Nays 82.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
George W. Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
James Elliot,
William Findley,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
James Holland,

Walter Jones,
William McCreery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Taylor,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,

Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loë Livermore,
John Love,

Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,

John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Wynn,
James Witherell.

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments, presented, according to order, a bill for procuring a formidable train of field artillery for the service of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Randolph, from the committee appointed to present to the President of the United States three resolutions agreed to by this House on Wednesday last, together with certified copies of the information laid on the Clerk's table, by the delegate from the Territory of Orleans, relative to the conduct of Brigadier General Wilkinson, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them, that he would make a communication, in writing, to the House pursuant to the first resolution; and that in relation to the second resolution, he would cause such information to be transmitted to the House, coming within the purview of the said resolution, as might be in the possession of the Executive Departments of the Government, and not improper to be disclosed.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a motion made by Mr. Bassett, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, for prohibiting contracts to be made on behalf of the United States with members of either House of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Marion reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and agreed to the first resolution contained therein; and made some progress in the second and third resolutions, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

On the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the second and third resolutions contained in the said motion,

It passed in the negative.

The House then proceeded to consider the first resolution, to which the Committee of the Whole House reported their agreement, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law to prohibit the officers of Government from making any contract, on behalf of the United States, with any person being a member of either House of Congress, or with any other person, for his or their use:

And, on the question that the House do agree to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Bassett, Mr. Upham, Mr. Durell, Mr. Macon, and Mr. Heister, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 1808.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of War, in pursuance of the third and fifth sections of an act passed on the tenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, "to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war;" which were read, and, together with sundry documents accompanying the same, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter and report from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a statement of the names of the clerks employed in the several offices of the Treasury Department, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, with the salary allowed to each; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanied with accounts of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and six, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and seven, inclusive; also, his accounts of receipts and expenditures for the War and Navy Departments, during the same period; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the impeachment of Samuel Chase," without amendment. The Senate have, also, passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Oliver Evans," without amendment. And then he withdrew.

On a motion made by Mr. Calhoun, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Edgefield Court House, to pass by the way of Tutt's Old Mills, on Cuffee Town Creek, and through Willington, in Abbeville District, to Vienna; to Bell's Ford, on Rocky River; thence to Pendleton Court House, in the State of South Carolina.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders of proceeding as are proper to be observed in this House; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Marion reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the same, with several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Holland, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said report and amendments be postponed until Friday next;

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Cobb, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route between Athens, in the county of Clarke, State of Georgia, and Milledgeville, in the county of Baldwin; and between the following places, in the said State, viz: from Augusta to Warrenton, to Sparta, and to Milledgeville; from Petersburg to Washington, to Powelton, and to Sparta; from Washington to Strong's store, Oglethorpe county; from thence to Lexington, and to Athens; from Savannah, to Ogechee at Bird's bridge, and to Bullock Court House, to Tatnall Court House, and to Montgomery Court House; from Milledgeville to Jones' on the Oconee river, and to Darien; from Carnesville to Jefferson, in Jackson county, to Clarksborough, and to Athens; and from Greensborough to Milledgeville.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 1808.

Mr. Mumford presented a representation from sundry citizens of the State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received and read, praying that a light-house may be established on Point Judith, within the limits of the State of Rhode Island, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the United States.

Ordered, That the said representation be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Lemuel J. Alston, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the present post route from Greenville Court-House, in South Carolina, to Ashville, in Buncomb county, North Carolina.

Mr. Boyle presented petitions of sundry purchasers of public lands within the State of Ohio, praying such modification of the acts relating to the sale of the lands belonging to the United States, as may enable the petitioners and other settlers to make their payments without the losses and inconveniences to which they will otherwise be subjected.

Mr. Boyle also presented a petition in the French language, and a translation of the same, from sundry inhabitants of the Territory of Michigan, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that further time may be allowed for making entries of claims to lands in the said Territory; and that such provision may be made, as Congress in their wisdom may deem proper, to grant to all persons within the said Territory, titles in fee simple to lands justly claimed by them, whether consisting of one or more parcels; and, also, that an extension may be made of the lands in the old settlement on the river Detroit, for the reasons therein specified.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Parke, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of annexing to the Vincennes district, the tract of country purchased of the Piankeshaw tribe of Indians, on the thirtieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of annexing the lands that lie on the Eastern part of the district of Vincennes to the Jeffersonville district; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Chittenden, from the committee appointed on the third ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill in further addition to an act, entitled "An act to amend the judicial system of the United States;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Burwell, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act of Congress passed on the fourteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and two, entitled "An act to establish a uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed on that subject," with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Burwell, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Macon, Mr. George W. Campbell, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Fisk, and Mr. John Montgomery, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a report prepared in pursuance of the "Act regulating the currency of the foreign coins in the United States;" also, the copy of a letter to him from the Director of the Mint; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to prolong the continuance of the Mint at Philadelphia.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Olis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their amendments disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of Government therein mentioned.'" And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the amount of duties and drawbacks on goods imported into the United States, and exported therefrom, during the years one thousand eight

hundred and four, one thousand eight hundred and five, and one thousand eight hundred and six ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to erect a light house on Point Judith, in the State of Rhode Island ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Blackledge,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Waynesborough, North Carolina, by Samuel Dunn's, and Duplin Court House, to Shine's, in Jones county.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the petition of Resolved Carr, of the State of Rhode Island, referred to him by order of the House, on the twelfth instant ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Findley,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Beula, by Indiana, Kittering, and Frankland, to Meadville ; and for discontinuing the postroad from Beula, by Armagh, and Freeport, to New Alexandria.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report, in part, made on the second ultimo, by the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of October last, as relates to the military and naval establishments ; and, after some time spent therein ; Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storet reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and agreed to the first and second resolutions contained therein ; also, to an additional resolution moved in the said committee, but not having time to go through the said report, had directed him to ask for leave to sit again, on so much thereof as is contained in the third resolution.

The House then proceeded to consider the resolutions reported from the Committee of the Whole House, and the same being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as follow :

Resolved, That it is expedient to increase the military establishment of the United States, by raising ——— regiments of infantry, to consist of ——— men each ; ——— regiments of artillery, of ——— men each ; ——— regiments of riflemen, of ——— men each ; and ——— regiments of cavalry, of ——— men each.

Resolved, That it is expedient to increase the marine corps, by raising ——— additional number of men.

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the President of the United States to employ on board the gun-boats such additional number of seamen, not exceeding ———, as, in his opinion, the public service may require.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolutions ; and that Mr. Dawson, Mr. Helms, Mr. Rea, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Butler, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Champion, and Mr. Storer, do prepare and bring in the same.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on so much of the said report as is contained in the third resolution submitted by the select committee.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the several acts more effectually to provide for the national defence by the militia of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, two enrolled bills : one, entitled " An act to revive and continue in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled ' An act farther to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers ;' " and another, entitled " An act supplemental to an act, entitled ' An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal

of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee ;" also, that the committee had examined two enrolled bills : one, entitled " An act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the impeachment of Samuel Chase ;" another, entitled " An act for the relief of Oliver Evans ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, 1808.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, stating " that there were no documents in the Treasury shewing the amount of tonnage exclusively employed in the exportation of articles the produce or manufacture of the United States ; and that the tonnage required at present on articles of domestic growth, produce, or manufacture, might, supposing each vessel to make but one voyage a year, be estimated at about seven hundred and fifty thousand tons," transmitted in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the ninth instant.

The said letter was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is referred a resolution proposed by Mr. Dana, " making provision that registered ships or vessels, after a time to be limited by law, shall not enjoy the benefits and privileges appertaining to ships or vessels of the United States, unless some proportion of the mariners on board the same shall be citizens of the United States."

On motion of Mr. Lennel J. Alston,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Pendleton Court House, in South Carolina, to Carnesville, in Georgia ; also, from Greenville Court House, in South Carolina, by Hollon's Ford, on Saluda, to Abbeville Court House, in said State, and from thence to Vienna, on Savannah river, in the State aforesaid, to Petersburg, in Georgia.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eleventh ultimo, the petition of William Brawner, be discharged from the consideration thereof ; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

On motion of Mr. Burwell, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Rocky Mount, or Daniel Brown's store, in Franklin county, in the State of Virginia, to Joel Shrewsbury's store, in the same county.

Mr. Harris presented a petition of sundry freeholders and inhabitants of the county Seneca, in the State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received and read, praying that a post road may be established from the village of Ithica, at the head of the Cayuga lake, through Ulysses, to Trimian's village ; thence by James McCall's store, to the post office at Ovid, in the said State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred, on the eleventh of November last, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Harmony, in the county of Butler, and State of Pennsylvania, praying that a post office may be established in the said town of Harmony, be discharged from the consideration of the same.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims to whom was referred, on the thirteenth of November last, a petition of Gideon Edwards, of the State of Connecticut, be discharged from the consideration thereof ; and that the said petition be referred to the select committee appointed, on the fifth of the same month, " to inquire what compensation should be allowed for issuing commissions giving authority to take testimony or examinations relative to claims or applications, under the act 'to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war.'"

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his

Secretary, notifying, that the President did, on the nineteenth instant, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House : one, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee ;' and another, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, for a farther time, the first section of the act, entitled 'An act farther to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the House of Representatives of the United States :

Some days previous to your resolutions of the thirteenth instant, a Court of Inquiry had been instituted at the request of General Wilkinson, charged to make the inquiry into his conduct which the first resolution desires, and had commenced their proceedings. To the Judge Advocate of that court, the papers and information on that subject, transmitted to me by the House of Representatives, have been delivered, to be used according to the rules and powers of that court.

The request of a communication of any information which may have been received at any time since the establishment of the present Government, touching combinations with foreign agents for dismembering the Union, or the corrupt receipt of money by any officer of the United States from the agents of Foreign Governments, can be complied with but in a partial degree.

It is well understood that, in the first or second year of the Presidency of General Washington, information was given to him relating to certain combinations with the agents of a Foreign Government for the dismemberment of the Union ; which combinations had taken place before the establishment of the present Federal Government. This information, however, is believed never to have been deposited in any public office, or left in that of the President's Secretary ; these having been duly examined : but to have been considered as personally confidential, and therefore retained among his private papers. A communication from the Governor of Virginia to President Washington, is found in the office of the President's Secretary, which, although not strictly within the terms of the request of the House of Representatives, is communicated, inasmuch as it may throw some light on the subjects of the correspondence of that time, between certain foreign agents and citizens of the United States.

In the first or second year of the Administration of President Adams, Andrew Ellcott, then employed in designating, in conjunction with the Spanish authorities, the boundaries between the Territories of the United States and Spain, under the treaty with that nation, communicated to the Executive of the United States papers and information respecting the subjects of the present inquiry, which were deposited in the Office of State. Copies of these are now transmitted to the House of Representatives, except of a single letter and a reference from the said Andrew Ellcott, which, being expressly desired to be kept secret, is therefore not communicated ; but its contents can be obtained from himself in a more legal form ; and directions have been given to summon him to appear as a witness before the Court of Inquiry.

A paper "on the commerce of Louisiana," bearing date the eighteenth of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, is found in the Office of State, supposed to have been communicated by Mr. Daniel Clark, of New Orleans, then a subject of Spain, and now of the House of Representatives of the United States, stating certain commercial transactions of General Wilkinson, in New Orleans ; an extract from this is now communicated, because it contains facts which may have some bearing on the questions relating to him.

The destruction of the War Office by fire, in the close of one thousand eight hundred, involved all information it contained at that date.

The papers already described, therefore, constitute the whole of the information on these subjects, deposited in the public offices, during the preceding Administrations, as far as has yet been found ; but it cannot be affirmed that there may be no other, because the papers of the office being filed, for the most part, alphabetically, unless aided by the suggestion of any particular name which may have given such information, nothing short of a careful examination of the papers in the offices generally, could authorize such an affirmation.

About a twelvemonth after I came to the administration of the Government, Mr. Clark gave some verbal information to myself, as well as to the Secretary of State, re-

lating to the same combinations for the dismemberment of the Union. He was listened to freely; and he then delivered the letter of Governor Gayoso addressed to himself, of which a copy is now communicated. After his return to New Orleans, he forwarded to the Secretary of State other papers, with a request that, after perusal, they should be burnt. This however was not done; and he was so informed by the Secretary of State, and that they would be held subject to his orders. These papers have not yet been found in the office. A letter therefore has been addressed to the former Chief Clerk, who may, perhaps, give information respecting them. As far as our memories enable us to say, they related only to the combinations before spoken of, and not at all to the corrupt receipt of money by any officer of the United States; consequently they respected what was considered as a dead matter, known to the preceding Administrations, and offering nothing new to call for investigations, which those nearest the dates of the transactions had not thought proper to institute.

In the course of the communications made to me on the subject of the conspiracy of Aaron Burr, I sometimes received letters, some of them anonymous, some under names true or false, expressing suspicions and insinuations against General Wilkinson. But one only of them, and that anonymous, specified any particular fact, and that fact was one of those which had been already communicated to a former Administration.

No other information within the purview of the request of the House, is known to have been received by any Department of the Government, from the establishment of the present Federal Government. That which has been recently communicated to the House of Representatives, and by them to me, is the first direct testimony, ever made known to me, charging General Wilkinson with the corrupt receipt of money; and the House of Representatives may be assured that the duties which this information devolves on me, shall be exercised with rigorous impartiality. Should any want of power in the court to compel the rendering of testimony, obstruct that full and impartial inquiry, which alone can establish guilt or innocence, and satisfy justice, the Legislative authority only will be competent to the remedy.

TH. JEFFERSON.

JANUARY 20, 1808.

The said message, together with sundry documents accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. John Montgomery, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Upham, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Taylor, Mr. George W. Campbell, and Mr. Jedediah K. Smith, with instruction to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the several acts more effectually to provide for the national defence by the militia of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 1808.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Western counties of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received and read, praying that a post road may be established from Pendleton Court House to Staunton, in the said State.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Key, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a standing committee be appointed, and to be called a Committee of the District of Columbia, to consist of seven members.

It shall be the duty of this committee to take into consideration all petitions and memorials relating to the affairs of the District of Columbia; and to report, from time to time, by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That the said proposed resolution do lie on the table.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the second and thirtieth of November, and eighteenth of December last,

the Petitions and memorial of Paul Revere and Joseph W. Revere, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts; of sundry coppersmiths and braziers residing in the city and liberties of the city of Philadelphia; and of sundry manufacturers of copper in the city of New York; made a report thereon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That so much of the petition as prays for the imposition of seventeen and an half per centum ad valorem, as a duty on copper manufactured into sheets, is unreasonable, and ought not to be granted.

Resolved, That so much of the petition as prays that old copper may be considered as a raw material, and that the importation thereof into the United States, may be free from duty, is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the second resolution; and that the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures do prepare and bring in the same.

On a motion made by Mr. Rowan, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a special committee be appointed to inquire into the conduct of Brigadier General Wilkinson, in relation to his having, at any time, whilst in the service of the United States, either as a civil or a military officer, been a pensioner of the Government of Spain, or relative to his having been an accomplice, or in any way concerned, during the time aforesaid, in a foreign or domestic project to dismember these United States; and that the said committee have power to send for such persons and papers as may be necessary to assist their inquiries; and that they report the result to this House, that the Congress may be thereby better enabled to legislate upon the subjects of our foreign relations; the increase and maintenance of the army of the United States, and other subjects promotive of the commonweal:

The question was stated from the Chair, that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 46,
 { Nays 59.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William W. Bibb,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Nathan I. Macon,
Josiah Masters,

Daniel Montgomery, jr.
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,

Peter Carlton,
John Chandler,
Matthew Clay,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,

Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,

Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
James Witherell.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Elections, of the eleventh ultimo, to whom were referred petitions of sundry qualified electors of Montgomery and Frederick counties, in the State of Maryland, relative to the election of Philip B. Key, the member returned to serve in this House for the third Congressional District in the said State; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22, 1808.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the eighteenth ultimo, the petition of John Morgan, of the State of Virginia, made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That John Morgan have leave to withdraw his petition, and the papers accompanying the same.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the twenty-first instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the impeachment of Samuel Chase;" and another, entitled "An act for the relief of Oliver Evans."

Mr. John Montgomery presented a petition of John Fraser, of Prince George's County, in the State of Maryland, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners in consideration of services rendered, and wounds received, as an officer of the Georgia line on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which have rendered the petitioner incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the fourth ultimo, to prepare and bring in a bill, or bills, making provision for an adequate and comfortable support of such officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary army as are still existing in a state of indigence.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth of November last, the petition of Samuel Doak, of the State of Tennessee, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petition be referred to the select committee appointed, on the fifth of the same month, "to inquire what compensation should be allowed for issuing commissions giving authority to take testimony or exami-

nations relative to claims or applications under the act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war."

Mr. Taylor presented a petition of Asa de Lozeair, of the State of South Carolina, attorney in fact for John Begley, of the South Carolina Continental regiment of artillery; and for George Hughes, a sergeant in the third regiment of light dragoons; praying that he may receive the compensation due for the services of the said John Begley and George Hughes, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On motion of Mr. George W. Campbell,

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the second instant, the petition of Anthony Benezet and others, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Fisk, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Montpelier to Hardwick, in the State of Vermont; and also of discontinuing the post road from Royalton to Corinth, and from Fryburg, in Maine, to Guildhall, in Vermont.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Smith, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the post road from Pittsburg to Butler, in Pennsylvania, so as to pass through the town of Harmony.

On motion of Mr. Marmaduke Williams, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of passing a law to punish any person holding an office of profit or trust, either civil or military, under the Government of the United States, who shall receive money, or accept of any present, emolument, office, or title, from any King, Prince, or foreign State, without the consent of Congress; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Marmaduke Williams, Mr. Livermore, Mr. Troup, Mr. John Morrow, Mr. Daniel Montgomery, Mr. Durell, and Mr. Van Horn, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Elections, of the eleventh ultimo, to whom were referred petitions of sundry qualified electors of the counties of Montgomery and Frederick, in the State of Maryland, relative to the election of Philip B. Key, returned to serve in this House as the member for the third Congressional district in the said State; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

On the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said report,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from farther consideration, and that the said report be recommitted to the Committee of Elections, farther to consider and report thereon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the several acts more effectually to provide for the national defence, by the militia of the United States, and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 25, 1808.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary for the Department of State, transmitting a report of the number and names of the clerks employed in that Department, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, with the salary allowed to each ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanied with a statement of the number and names of the clerks employed in the offices of the Secretary and Accountant of the War Department, during the year one thousand eight hundred and seven ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the seventh ultimo, so much of a memorial of the first and second Chambers of the City Council of Washington, as prays that the capital of the United States may be made a port of entry and delivery, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Chandler, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the laws providing for the pay, subsistence, and clothing, of the militia of the United States when called into actual service ; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Chandler, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Blount, and Mr. Desha, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On a motion made and leave given by the House, Mr. George W. Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled " An act to continue in force, for limited time, an act, entitled ' An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of Government therein mentioned,' " and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Smilie,

Ordered, That the petition of James and Robert Blaine, of the State of Pennsylvania, executors of the last will and testament of Ephraim Blaine, deceased, presented on the eleventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, and praying the liquidation of a claim due for the services of the deceased, as Deputy Commissary General, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain ; and, also, during the Western expedition, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Kelley,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Pennsylvania, presented on the fourth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, and praying that a post road may be established between the boroughs of York and Harrisburgh, to pass through the towns of Lisburn, Lewisburg, Newbury, Strineston, and their vicinities, in the said State, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Findley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Somerset and Cambria, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from the town of Somerset to Stoy's town ; thence to John's town : thence to Ebensburg, in the said State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty seventh of October last, as relates to the military and naval establishments, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the rais-

ing of an additional number of seamen for the service of the United States was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

On a motion made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, that the House do now proceed to the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia."

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill and amendments do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Smith, and seconded,

Resolved, That the committee on the subject of Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Pittsburg, through M'Keesport and Elizabethtown, to Williamsport, in Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Augusta, in Kentucky, through Denham's town and Williamsburg, to Lebanon, in Ohio.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred, on the thirteenth of November last, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Martintown, and its vicinity, in Edgefield district, and State of South Carolina, be discharged from the consideration of the same.

Mr. Howard presented a petition of John Robert Shaw, of Lexington, in the State of Kentucky, which was received and read, praying relief in consideration of services rendered and injuries received whilst a corporal in Captain M'Curdy's company in the first United States' Regiment, stationed at Fort M'Intosh, in the year one thousand eight hundred and five.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the raising of an additional number of seamen for the service of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jacob Richards reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendment, and after debate thereon, A motion was made by Mr. Talimadge, and seconded, that the farther consideration, of the said bill and amendment, be postponed until to-morrow:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 51,
 { Nays 64.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
William Blackledge,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Meshack Franklin,

Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
Reuben Humphrey,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,

Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,

Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Jabez Upham,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 Thomas Blount,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 John Chandler,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 James M. Garnett,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,

William Milnor,
 John Montgomery,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Clement Storer,
 Peter Swart,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Archibald Van Horne,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Alexander Wilson,
 James Witherell.

The amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to fill up the blank in the bill, next after the words "not exceeding," with the words "twelve hundred and seventy-two," being twice read, and the question taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 108,
 { Nays 10.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett, |
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,

Joseph Calhoun,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 John Chandler,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Howell Cobb,
 Orchard Cook,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, junior,
 John Dawson,

Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loc Livermore,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creech,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,

Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horne,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
William Hoge,
Nathaniel Macon,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.

John Randolph,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg.

A motion was then made by Mr. Taylor, and seconded, farther to amend the said bill, by adding to the end thereof, a new section, in the words following, to wit :
" *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue in force till the first day of July next, and no longer."

And the said proposed amendment being under consideration,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 1808.

Mr. Mumford presented a memorial of sundry merchants and shippers in the City and State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, which was received and read, stating the losses and inconveniences to which the memorialists will be subjected, in consequence of the operation of an act passed during the present session of

Congress, "laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States;" and praying that an extension of time may be granted to them for the payment of their bonds for duties on merchandise imported by them; and that such measures may be adopted as Congress, in their wisdom, may deem proper, to prevent the memorialists from being deprived of the benefit of drawback on the exportation of the same.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-first instant, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House: one entitled "An act for the relief of Oliver Evans;" and another, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the impeachment of Samuel Chase."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Findley,

Ordered, That Mr. Marion and Mr. Kirkpatrick, be appointed a Committee of the Elections, in the room of Mr. David R. Williams and Mr. Blake, who have obtained leave of absence from the service of this House.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the time for the issuing and locating of military land warrants; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Findley, and seconded,

Resolved, That an Assistant Clerk be appointed by this House, who, during the necessary absence, or in case of the death of the Clerk of the House, shall perform the duties of the said Clerk; and for the faithful performance of such duties, shall be accountable to the House.

On motion of Mr. Gardner, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before this House a list of the names and places of abode of persons who have invented any new or useful art, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any improvement thereon, and to whom patents have been issued for the same from that office, with the dates and general objects of such patents, from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and five, to the last day of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, inclusive.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to allow the importation of old copper free of duty; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Dawson, and seconded,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the bill authorizing the raising of an additional number of seamen for the service of the United States, as amended by the House, together with the amendment proposed thereto by Mr. Taylor, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, be postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Mosely presented two petitions, one of Matthew Smith and Darius Gates, of East Haddam, in the State of Connecticut, the other of the said Darius Gates, respectively stating, that they purchased, some time in the years one thousand eight hundred and two, and one thousand eight hundred and three, certain lots or parcels of land situated in the said town of East Haddam, from the Marshal of the District of Connecticut, who had been duly authorized by the Secretary of the Treasury, to sell the same; that various suits have been instituted, drawing in question the title of the United States to the parcels of land so conveyed, and a judgment has been awarded against the petitioners, with costs of suits; and praying a reimbursement out of the Treasury of the United States, of the sums of money paid by them for the purchase of the said lots, and the expenses to which they have been subjected in defending the suits aforesaid, together with the legal interest due thereon.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the several acts to provide more effectually for the national defence by the militia of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Bassett, from the committee appointed on the fifteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill concerning public contracts; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Blackledge, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Librarian be directed to receive and take charge of the map of the State of North Carolina, presented to the House by Messrs. Jonathan Price and John Strother; and that the Speaker be requested to acknowledge the acceptance of the same.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, on so much of the memorial of the first and second Chambers of the City Council of Washington, presented on the seventh ultimo, as prays that the Capital of the United States may be made a port of entry and delivery, which lay on the table: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial of the first and second Chambers of the City Council of Washington, ought not to be granted.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of John W. Breevoort, keeper of the debtor's prison, in the city and county of New York, praying relief against a judgment obtained against him, in the District Court of the United States, for the State of New York, in consequence of the escape, from the custody of the petitioner, of a certain James Robinson, who was committed for a violation of the laws of revenue of the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Blount presented a memorial of sundry citizens of the town of Edenton, in the State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a mail boat may be established from the town of Washington, to Shell Castle Island, in the said State.

Mr. Kirkpatrick presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Western and Steuben, in the county of Oneida, in the State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from the town of Rome, to the town of Trenton, in the said State.

Mr. Kirkpatrick also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Florence, and its vicinity, in the State of New York, praying that a post office may be established at the said town of Florence, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners, and other inhabitants of the State of New York.

The said memorial and petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Key, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider a resolution proposed by him on the twenty-first instant; and the same being amended at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That a Standing Committee be appointed, and to be called a "Committee for the District of Columbia," to consist of seven members.

It shall be the duty of this committee to take into consideration all petitions and memorials relating to the affairs of the District of Columbia, and referred to them by the House; and to report, from time to time, to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Key, Mr. Van Dyke, Mr. Love, Mr. Holland, Mr. Brown, Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Taylor, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act fixing the Military Peace Establishment of the United States,' being called for :

On motion of Mr. Nelson, and seconded, that the said order of the day be postponed until the first day of March next.

And on the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 41,
 { Nays 78.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
John Chandler,
Matthew Clay,
John Dawson,
John W. Eppes,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,

Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horn,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are.

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William Blackledge,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,

Charles Goldsborough,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Isley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnsort,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,

John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,

Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration, and that the said bill from the Senate be committed to the committee appointed, on the twenty-ninth of October last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of the same month, as relates to the Military and Naval Establishments.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed on so much of the President's message, of the twenty-seventh of October last, as relates to the Military and Naval Establishments, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the raising an additional army; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dawson, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the President of the United States to raise a provisional army; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the several acts to provide more effectually for the national defence by the militia of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the twenty-sixth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of Government, therein mentioned.'"

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 28, 1808.

Mr. Southard, one of the members for the State of New Jersey, informed the House of the death of his colleague, Mr. Ezra Darby, late one of the members of this House: Whereupon,

A motion being made by Mr. Holmes, and seconded, that the House do agree to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take order for superintending the funeral of Ezra Darby, Esq. late a Representative from the State of New Jersey:

And the question being taken thereupon,
 It was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Southard, Mr. Masters, Mr. Porter, Mr. Helms, Mr. Newbold, and Mr. Lambert, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Blount, and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House will testify their respect for the memory of Ezra Darby, Esq. late one of their body, by wearing crape on the left arm for one month.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House will attend the funeral of Ezra Darby, Esq. on to-morrow at twelve o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Nicholas, and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That a message be sent to the Senate, to notify them of the death of Ezra Darby, Esq. late a member of this House, and that his funeral will take place on to-morrow at twelve o'clock; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1808.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force the nineteenth section of an act, entitled 'An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States,' and to extend the provisions thereof;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled 'An act making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight,' with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A motion being made by Mr. George Washington Campbell, and seconded, that the House do now proceed to the consideration of the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight :"

An adjournment was then called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1808.

Mr. Boyle presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Clay, in the State of Kentucky, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Barboursville, or the Flat Lick, in Knox county, to Manchester, in the county of Clay aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Boyle also presented a petition in the French language, and a translation of the same, from sundry inhabitants of the Territory of Michigan, to the same effect with a petition from other inhabitants of the said Territory, presented on the nineteenth instant; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-seventh instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a limited time, an act, entitled 'An act continuing, for a limited time, the salaries of the officers of Government therein mentioned.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Two messages, in writing, were also received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as follow :

To the House of Representatives of the United States :

The Choctaws being indebted to their merchants beyond what could be discharged by the ordinary proceeds of their huntings, and pressed for payment, proposed to the United States to cede lands to the amount of their debts, and designated them in two different portions of their country. These designations not at all suiting us, were declined. Still, urged by their creditors, as well as by their own desire to be liberated from debt, they at length proposed to make a cession which should be to our convenience. By a treaty signed at Pooshapukanuk, on the sixteenth of November, one thousand eight hundred and five, they accordingly ceded all their lands South of a line to be run from their and our boundary at the Omochita, Eastwardly to their boundary with the Creeks on the ridge between the Tombigbee and Alabama, as is more particularly described in the treaty, containing about five millions of acres, as is supposed, and uniting our possessions there from Adams to Washington county.

The location contemplated in the instructions to the Commissioners was on the Mississippi. That in the treaty being entirely different, I was, at that time, disinclined to its ratification, and have suffered it to lie unacted on. But progressive difficulties in our foreign relations have brought into view considerations other than those which then prevailed. It is now perhaps as interesting to obtain footing for a strong settlement of militia along our Southern frontier, Eastward of the Mississippi, as on the West of that river, and more so than higher up the river itself. The consolidation of the Mississippi Territory, and the establishment of a barrier of separation between the Indians and our Southern neighbors, are also important objects; and, the Choctaws and their creditors being still anxious that the sale should be made, I submitted the treaty to the Senate, who have advised and consented to its ratification. I therefore now lay it before both Houses of Congress for the exercise of their Constitutional powers, as to the means of fulfilling it.

TH. JEFFERSON.

JANUARY 30, 1808.

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

The posts of Detroit and Mackinac having been originally intended by the Governments which established and held them, as mere depots for commerce with the Indians, very small cessions of land around them were obtained or asked from the native proprietors, and these posts depended for protection on the strength of their garrisons. The principles of our Government leading us to the employment of such moderate garrisons in time of peace, as may merely take care of the post, and to a reliance on the neighboring militia for its support in the first moments of war, I have thought it would be important to obtain from the Indians such a cession in the neighborhood of these posts as might maintain a militia proportioned to this object: and, I have particularly contemplated, with this view, the acquisition of the Eastern moiety of the peninsula between the Lakes Michigan, Huron, and Erie, extending it to the Connecticut Reserve, so soon as it could be effected with the perfect good will of the natives.

By a treaty concluded at Detroit, on the seventeenth of November last, with the Ottoways, Chippeways, Wyandots, and Pattawatimas, so much of this country has been obtained as extends from about Saginaw bay Southwardly to the Miami of the Lakes, supposed to contain upwards of five millions of acres, with a prospect of obtaining, for the present, a breadth of two miles for a communication from the Miami to the Connecticut Reserve.

The Senate having advised and consented to the ratification of this treaty, I now lay it before both Houses of Congress for the exercise of their Constitutional powers as to the means of fulfilling it.

TH. JEFFERSON.

JANUARY 30, 1808.

The said messages, together with sundry documents accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means, with instructions to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Love presented a petition of Alexander Bell, of the State of Virginia, praying a remission of the duties accruing to the United States on a quantity of brown sugar, which was imported by the petitioner some time in the month of August, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and consumed by fire in the warehouse in which it was deposited, on the nineteenth of October last.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Mumford,

Ordered, That the petition of Francis Barreto, of the city of New York, presented on the fourth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, and praying that he may be exonerated from the payment of a judgment obtained against him by the United States, as surety for José Joaquin de Costa, for duties on certain merchandise imported into the district of New York, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Alexander, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Salem, in Stokes county, North Carolina, to pass by Clementina, to Adams' Fall; thence to Henry Freeland's; thence to Salisbury, in Rowan county; thence to Statesville, in Iredell county, North Carolina.

Mr. Clark presented a petition of Amory and Callender, merchants of the city of New Orleans, which was received and read, praying relief against a judgment obtained

against the petitioners, in the case of the drawback of duties on the exportation from the port of New Orleans of a certain quantity of pimento, to Liverpool, in Great Britain, which penalty has been incurred by an omission of the master and mate of the vessel in which the said merchandise was shipped, to take the oath prescribed by law.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Helms, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Speaker give information to the Executive of the State of New Jersey, of the vacancy in this House, occasioned by the death of Ezra Darby, late one of the Representatives from that State.

Mr. Marmaduke Williams, from the committee appointed on the twenty-second instant, presented, according to order, a bill for the punishment of certain crimes therein mentioned; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. John Montgomery, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twentieth instant, a written message from the President of the United States, accompanied with sundry documents, presented, according to order, a bill concerning Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the third ultimo, the memorial of Charles Minifie, of the City of Washington, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Speaker presented to the House a petition of the New England Association of Inventors and Patrons of Useful Arts, signed by Benjamin Dearborn, President, and other members of the said Association, praying an extension of the term prescribed by law, for patents to discoverers or improvers of useful arts within the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the seventeenth of November last, "to consider whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary in the several acts for the encouragement of learning and promotion of the useful arts," with power to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Bacon be appointed of the select committee last mentioned, in the room of Mr. Crowninshield, who is sick, and unable to attend.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of Samuel Miller, of Wiscasset, in the District of Maine, and State of Massachusetts, which was received, and read, praying a reduction of the duty on a quantity of salt, imported into the port of Boston, in the ship called the "Golden Rule," the property of the petitioner, and others, for the reasons therein specified.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the sixteenth of November last, the memorial and petition of Ferdinand Mullenheim, by Anthony Lamarleré, his agent, made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Ferdinand Mullenheim, by Anthony Lamarleré, his agent, ought not to be granted.

On a motion made by Mr. George W. Campbell, and seconded, that the House do agree to a resolution, in the form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, as followeth:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring therein, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, which, when ratified by the Legislatures of the said States, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution.

The Judges of both the Supreme and Inferior Courts of the United States shall, after the _____ day of _____ be removed from office, by the President of the United States, on the joint address of both Houses of Congress, requesting the same, three-fifths of each House concurring in such address.

Ordered, That the said proposed resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight :". Whereupon,

A motion being made by Mr. Milnor, and seconded, that the said amendment, together with the bill, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said Committee ; and after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the Committee had, according to order, had the said amendment under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the same.

The said amendment of the Senate being then twice read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit :

"Section the first, after line one hundred and sixteen, insert,

"For office rent, stationery, fuel, and other contingent expenses of the Attorney General, five hundred dollars :"

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the same ;

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 101,
 { Nays 11.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilaley,
Robert Jenkins,

Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
John Lambert,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, junior,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, of Pennsylvania,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,

Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horn,

Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
William W. Bibb,
Daniel M. Durell,
Barent Gardenier,
Edwin Gray,

William Kirkpatrick,
Thomas Newbold,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Smith,
Daniel C. Verplanck.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, the nineteenth section of an act, entitled "An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States," and to extend the provisions thereof," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to erect a Light House on Point Judith, in the State of Rhode Island; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims of the eighth instant, to whom was referred, on the twentieth of November last, the petition of Mary Barclay, widow of Thomas Barclay, deceased; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the resolution contained therein, without amendment; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized to audit the account of Thomas Barclay, deceased, and that they allow him, while he acted as Vice Consul in France, a salary of one thousand dollars per annum; and that while he acted as Consul, Commercial Agent, Commissioner of Public Accounts in Europe, and was engaged in negotiating the treaty concluded with the Emperor of Morocco, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven, he be allowed a salary at the rate of three thousand three hundred and thirty-three and one-third dollars per annum, exclusive of his expenses; and that in the adjustment of his accounts with the public, which originated in consequence of his second mission, he be credited with the amount of goods purchased to take with him to Morocco, according to the letters of Mr. Humphreys to the Secretary of State, and the invoices and memorandums transmitted by that gentleman to the Government; and that they pay

the balance to the legal representatives of the said Thomas Barclay, deceased, out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1808.

Another member, to wit : George Clinton, junior, from New York, appeared produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town and county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that an act may be passed to incorporate a company, to be denominated "The Washington and Alexandria Turnpike Company," for the purpose of making a Turnpike Road between the Town of Alexandria and the City of Washington, and erecting a bridge over Four Mile Creek ; and that such powers and privileges may be granted to the said company as Congress in their wisdom may deem proper.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Boyle, and seconded,

Ordered, That Mr. Clinton be appointed of the Committee on the Public Lands in the room of Mr. Darby, deceased.

Mr. Southard presented a petition of the Associates of the Jersey Company, signed by order of the Trustees of the said company, by Amasa Jackson, their President, and attested by Philip Williams, their Clerk, praying that the town of Jersey, on Hudson's river, in the State of New Jersey, may be made a port of entry.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Rhea, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, presented, according to order, a bill to alter and establish certain post roads ; which was received and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Brown presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of Wayne county, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Sussex, in New Jersey, to Milford, on the river Delaware ; thence, by Bethany, to Mount Pleasant, in the said county of Wayne.

Mr. Brown also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Northeastern part of Pennsylvania, and the adjacent part of the State of New York, to the like effect ; and farther praying the establishment of another post road from Newburg, on the river Hudson, to Cochreton, on Delaware river ; thence to the great bend of Susquehanna river ; and thence to Chenango Point, in the State of New York.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Barclay, deceased ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Nelson have leave to be absent from the service of this House for ten days.

Mr. Gardner presented a petition of Lott Hall, of Westminster, in the State of Vermont, which was received and read, praying compensation for services rendered, and

injuries sustained, whilst an officer of marines, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to erect a light house on Point Judith, in the State of Rhode Island, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to erect a light house on Point Judith, in the State of Rhode Island."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of James Phillips, of the county of Montgomery, in the State of New York, praying relief in consideration of a wound received by the petitioner whilst a private in a detachment of militia, ordered into service to repel the incursions of the enemy on the Western frontiers of the said State, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the inquiry into the conduct of John Smith, a Senator from the State of Ohio ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported on the eighteenth ultimo, from the Committee of the Whole House, to the report of the Select Committee appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders of proceeding as are proper to be observed in this House : Whereupon,

The eleventh clause contained in so much of the report of the Select Committee, as relates to "the duty of the Speaker," as amended by the Committee of the Whole House, being read, in the words following, to wit :

"The seats within, and nearest to the colonade of the House, shall be appropriated for the accommodation of the Senate, Heads of Departments, and Foreign Ministers."

A motion was made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, farther to amend the said clause, by adding, to the end thereof, the following words : "and all persons who have been members of this House, and shall not have been expelled therefrom :"

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Masters, and seconded, farther to amend the said clause, by inserting after the words "Heads of Departments," the words "the Judges of the Supreme Court of the United States."

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

An adjournment was then called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1808.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Durell, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the manner in which the Representatives' Hall is heated by furnaces beneath the flooring of the same ; what probable influence such subjacent fires have upon the health of the members exposed

to their exhalations; and how, or by what means, the injurious effects of the same may, in future, be avoided; and that they report to this House the result of such inquiries.

Ordered, That Mr. Durell, Mr. John Morrow, Mr. Lyon, Mr. Smelt, and Mr. Kirkpatrick, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying two statements, prepared in conformity to the resolution of this House, of the twenty-ninth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, relative to the importation, in American and foreign vessels, from the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and five, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and six, inclusive; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter addressed to him from Charles Minifie, of the city of Washington, enclosing a communication in relation to his claim now depending before the House, to be compensated for a quantity of timber furnished for the use of the Navy Department of the United States; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the twelfth of November last, a petition of B. Pickman and others, merchants, of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise."

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the issuing of debentures in certain cases; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of William Biggs, of the Territory of Indiana, praying that he may be allowed the proportion of land due for his services as an officer in the regiment commanded by George Rogers Clark, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, for the reasons therein specified.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Samuel Smith presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Northwestern parts of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying the aid and patronage of Congress, to promote the interest of the petitioners, and other inhabitants of the United States, by a proper defence of the port of Presque Isle, and the encouragement of trade and intercourse between the East end of lake Erie, and the South end of lake Michigan, within the Territory of the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Goodwyn presented a petition of Archibald Thereatt, of the town of Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, praying compensation for the value of a horse, the property of the petitioner, which was lost in a late expedition to Norfolk, in the said State, under the authority of the Government of the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table. And then he withdrew.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue certain causes and proceedings in the District Court of the District of Columbia;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On a motion made by Mr. Sloan, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is expedient, and the public good requires, that the Seat of Government be removed to the city of Philadelphia, for ——— years; and that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for that purpose.

The question was taken that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration;

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 68,
 { Nays 47.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, jun.
John Boyle,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, jun.
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
Samuel W. Dana,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
James Kelly,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,

Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Robert Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Chandler,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Daniel Hsley,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,

William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Richard Winn.

The said proposed resolution being then read a second time at the Clerk's table ;

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the same be rejected : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker decided the motion of Mr. Love not to be in order.

A motion was then made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, that the said proposed resolution be postponed *indefinitely*.

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3. 1808.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

Having received an official communication of certain orders of the British Government against the maritime rights of neutrals, bearing date the eleventh of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, I transmit them to Congress, as a farther proof of the increasing dangers to our navigation and commerce, which led to the provident measures of the act of the present session laying an embargo on our own vessels.

TH. JEFFERSON.

FEBRUARY 2, 1808.

The said message, and documents accompanying the same, were read ; and,

On motion of Mr. Dana,

Ordered, To be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Key,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Briggs, presented on the sixth of February last, praying that he may be remunerated for extraordinary expenses, and hardships incurred by the petitioner, in pursuance of an appointment by the President of the United States, as Surveyor of the lands South of the State of Tennessee, for a discovery of the most direct route from the city of Washington, to the city of New Orleans, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Alexandria and Washington, in the District of Columbia, presented on the seventeenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, praying the incorporation of a company for making a turnpike road, from the Western end of Mason's Causeway, by Adams' mill, above the tide water of Four Mile run ; and thence in a straight direction towards the intersection of Washington and King streets, in the town of Alexandria, be referred to the Standing Committee appointed on the twenty-seventh ultimo, to be called a Committee of the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the third of December last, a petition of Isaac Israel, of the State of Virginia, be discharged from the consideration thereof ; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

Mr. Van Rensselaer, from the committee appointed on the ninth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Samuel Whiting ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On a motion made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That two other members be added to the committee, called " The Committee of the District of Columbia : "

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of James Grant Forbes, and Ralph B. Forbes, of the city and State of New York, composing the late house of Grant, Forbes & Company, praying to be allowed the drawback of duty on sundry articles of merchandise

shipped by the petitioners, from the port of New York, and duly landed at the port of Nantz, in France, the benefit of which drawback has hitherto been refused, in consequence of some informality in the documents relative to the said exportation.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be directed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, amendments are necessary in the act, entitled "An act for laying and collecting duties on imports and tonnage, within the territories of the United States, by the treaty of the thirtieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and three, between the United States and the French Republic, and for other purposes."

The House resumed the consideration of the resolution proposed by Mr. Sloan, for the removal of the Seat of Government of the United States to the city of Philadelphia, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment; and, after debate thereon,

An adjournment was then called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1808.

Mr. Goldsborough presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Somerset county, in the State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying an alteration in the post road from Quantico to Princess Ann, so as that the same may pass by the lower ferry on Wicomico river; and that a post office may be fixed at the lower ferry aforesaid, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners, and other inhabitants of the said county and State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

Mr. Goldsborough also presented a petition of John Murray, of Dorchester county, in the State of Maryland, praying the payment of certain loan-office certificates, the property of the petitioner, which, owing to the reasons therein specified, were not presented at the proper office of the Treasury Department within the time prescribed by law.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

Mr. Poindexter presented a representation of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory of the United States, stating various matters for the consideration of Congress, relating to the acts for the sale of lands belonging to the United States in the said Territory; to the right of suffrage within the same; to the appointment of commissioners to lease, for a limited time, the sections of land granted for the use of Jefferson college, in the said Territory; to a free navigation of the Mobile and Tombigby rivers; and to an extinguishment of the Indian title to the lands in the Yazoo country; and praying that such measures may be adopted by the Legislature of the United States as will tend to promote the general interest of the people of the Territory aforesaid.

The said representation was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Love, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider a resolution proposed by him yesterday, which was ordered to lie on the table, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That two other members be added to the committee called "the Committee of the District of Columbia."

And the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the House of Representatives of the United States:

In my message of January twentieth, I stated that some papers forwarded by Mr. Daniel Clark of New Orleans, to the Secretary of State, in one thousand eight hundred and three, had not then been found in the office of State; and that a letter had been addressed to the former Chief Clerk, in the hope that he might advise where they should be sought for. By indications received from him they are now found. Among

them are two letters from the Baron de Carondelet, to an officer serving under him at a separate post; in which his views of a dismemberment of our Union are expressed. Extracts of so much of these letters as are within the scope of the resolution of the House, are now communicated. With these were found the letters written by Mr. Clark, to the Secretary of State, in one thousand eight hundred and three. A part of one only of these relates to this subject, and is extracted and enclosed for the information of the House. In no part of the papers communicated by Mr. Clark, which are voluminous, and in different languages, nor in his letters, have we found any intimation of the corrupt receipt of money by any officer of the United States, from any foreign agent. As to the combinations with foreign agents for dismembering the Union, these papers and letters offer nothing which was not probably known to my predecessors, or which could call anew for inquiries, which they had not thought necessary to institute, when the facts were recent, and could be better proved. They probably believed it best to let pass into oblivion transactions, which, however culpable, had commenced before this Government existed, and had been finally extinguished by the treaty of one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five.

TH. JEFFERSON.

FEBRUARY 4, 1808.

The said message, and the papers accompanying the same, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. John Montgomery,

Ordered, That the memorial and petition of sundry sugar refiners of the cities of Baltimore and Philadelphia, presented on the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, and seventeenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, praying that a drawback of duty may be allowed on sugar refined within the United States, and exported therefrom to any foreign port or place, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the necessity of making a proper disposition of the charts of the coast of North Carolina, published in conformity with a resolution which passed the second of March, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Mr. Van Dyke presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Camden village, in the State of Delaware, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying an alteration in the post road from Dover to Milford, so as that the same may pass through the village of Camden aforesaid.

Mr. Love presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Ohio, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying the establishment of a post road from Wheeling, in Virginia, to Marietta, in the State of Ohio, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners, and other inhabitants of the States aforesaid.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

Mr. Clinton presented a representation of Thomas Paine, stating various services performed by him for the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; and praying that Congress will take the same into consideration, and grant him such compensation therefor, as to their wisdom and justice shall seem meet.

The said representation was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to revive and continue certain causes and proceedings in the District Court of the District of Columbia," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and, on motion of Mr. Willis Alston, ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the inquiry into the conduct of John Smith, a Senator from the State of Ohio," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House resumed the consideration of a resolution proposed by Mr. Sloan, for a removal of the seat of Government of the United States to the City of Philadelphia, which was depending yesterday, at the time of adjournment: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Sloan, and seconded, that the said resolution be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House ;

And, after debate thereon, the said question was taken,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 61,
 { Nays 63.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, jun.
Robert Brown,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
Reuben Humphreys,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Edward St. Loc Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,

Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
John Chandler,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
James M. Garnett,

Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,

Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,

Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Marmaduke Williams,
Richard Wiun.

An adjournment was then called for : On which,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And he House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1808.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims- to whom were referred, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, two petitions, one of Matthew Smith and Darius Gates, of East Haddam, in the State of Connecticut, the other of the said Darius Gates, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Matthew Smith and Darius Gates, jointly, and Darius Gates, separately ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday, the fifteenth instant.

Mr. Dawson presented a petition of Thomas Bruff, dentist, of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying an extension of the term of years, for which have been granted to discoverers and improvers of useful arts and machines, in the case of an instrument, among several others, invented by the petitioner, for extracting teeth in a perpendicular direction, and that he may be enabled to prosecute the invaders of his right to the benefit of his inventions, by such provisions as the wisdom of Congress may adopt.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed on the seventeenth of November last, "to consider whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary, in the several acts for the encouragement of learning, and promotion of the useful arts," with power to report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Livermore,

Ordered, That the petition of Edward Toppan, William Currier, and George Jenkins, of the State of Massachusetts, presented on the ninth of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, praying relief, in the case of extraordinary duties paid on the exportation of certain merchandise from Newburyport to the port of New Orleans, subsequent to the act of Congress passed on the twenty-fifth of November, one thousand eight hundred and three, "repealing a former act to allow a drawback of goods exported to New Orleans," of which the petitioners were wholly ignorant at the time when certificates of debenture were received from the Collector of the district of Newburyport aforesaid, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made by Mr. Lyon, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee of Privileges be appointed, with power to inquire what measures, if any, are necessary to secure to the members of the National Legislature, the privileges appertaining to them by the Constitution, which committee shall have power to report by bill, or otherwise.

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, reported a resolution in the form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, to authorize the disposition of certain charts of the coast of North Carolina ; which was read, and, on motion of Mr. Milnor, ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Nicholas, and seconded,

The House resumed the consideration of a resolution proposed by Mr. Sloan, on the second instant, for a removal of the seat of Government of the United States to the City of Philadelphia ; and the said resolution being again read in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That it is expedient, and the public good requires, that the seat of Government be removed to the City of Philadelphia, for ——— years ; and that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for that purpose.

Mr. Sloan withdrew the same from the Clerk's table.

The said proposed resolution was then renewed, on a motion of Mr. Blount, for a decision of the House thereon ;

And on the question that the House do now proceed to take the same into consideration,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 51,
 { Nays 68.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
John Chandler,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Greene,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Walter Jones,

Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Ebenezer Scaver,
John Smith,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horn,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, jun.
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,

Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
James Kelly,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, junior,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,

Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,

Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
James Witherell.

A motion was then made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is inexpedient to remove the seat of Government from the City of Washington, and not warranted by public policy :

And on the question that the House do now proceed to consider the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 69,
 { Nays 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
John Chandler,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,

Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
William Stedman,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, junior,
Robert Brown,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Davenport, junior,

Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
Reuben Humphreys,
Robert Jenkins,

Richard M. Johnson,
James Kelly,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,

James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Robert Whitehill,
James Witherell.

A motion was made by Mr. Milnor, and seconded, to postpone the consideration of the said proposed resolution until the first Monday of March next :

And after debate thereon, the said question was taken,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 33,
 { Nays 86.

The yeas and yeas being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, junior,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, jr.
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
Reuben Humphreys,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,

Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jabez Upham.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,

Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
John W. Eppey,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Husley,

Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Philip B. Key,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward Lloyd,
 John Love,
 Robert Marion,
 William M'Creery,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,

Ebenezer Seaver,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell.

A motion was then made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, to amend the proposed resolution under consideration, by striking out after the words "Resolved, That," in the first line, to the end thereof, and inserting the following words, "to remove the Seat of Government from the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, is a breach of public faith, and contrary to the Constitution of the United States."

And the said amendment being under debate ;

An adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY. 6, 1808.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting his report on the petition of Asa Delozeair, of the State of South Carolina, attorney for John Begley and George Hughes, referred to him by order of the House on the twenty-second ultimo ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, accompanied with a report from the Secretary of the Treasury to the said Commissioners, and sundry statements, exhibiting the proceedings which have been authorized by the said Board, since their report, dated the fifth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to revive and continue certain causes and proceedings in the District Court of the District of Columbia," was read the third time.

And on the question the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Marion presented a petition of Jonathan Sarrazin, of the county of Washington, in the State of South Carolina, acting executor of Thomas Washington, deceased, stating the claim of the petitioner, in the capacity of executor aforesaid, to a proportion of such compensation as may be allowed to the South Carolina Yazoo Company for lands ceded to the United States by the State of Georgia ; and that Congress will be pleased to take the premises into consideration, and grant such relief therein, as to their wisdom and justice may seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred, on the fourth ultimo, a memorial of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, transmitted by the Governor of the said State.

Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,

Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
James Withereil.

The main question then recurring, that the House do agree to the said resolution, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That it is expedient, and the public good requires, that the seat of Government be removed to the City of Philadelphia, for ——— years, and that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for that purpose.

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1808.

Mr. Mumford presented a memorial of sundry citizens of the State of New York whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating their claims to large tracts of land within the limits of the Territory ceded to the United States by the State of Georgia ; and praying that such compensation may be granted to satisfy the said claims of the memorialists, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred, on the fourth ultimo, a memorial of the Legislature of Massachusetts, transmitted by the Governor of the said State.

Mr. Samuel Smith presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the borough and County of Erie, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that further provisions may be adopted by Congress to prevent illegal combinations of persons within the United States, and to punish such individuals as may be convicted of treason or misdemeanors against the peace and safety of the same.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-ninth of October last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of the same month, as relates to enterprises against the public peace, and to the means of preventing the same, and punishing the authors.

Mr. Gardner presented a petition of Abner Gage, of the State of New Hampshire, praying an augmentation of the pension at present allowed him by law, in consideration of a wound received in the service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which has rendered the petitioner incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Mr. M^cCreery presented a memorial of Dennis De Cottineau, praying that he may be allowed his proportion of prize money, as Captain of the American vessel of war, called the "Pallas," for the capture of three British merchant vessels, on the high seas, in the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine, which were sent to Bergen, in Norway, and afterwards delivered up to the respective owners of the said vessels, by an order of the Danish Government :

The said petition and memorial were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Samuel Smith presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the borough of Erie, and its vicinity, in the State of Pennsylvania, stating the defenceless situation of the petitioners in the event of hostile incursions from the British province of Canada, and praying that such measures for their relief may be adopted, as Congress in their wisdom may deem proper.

The said petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Barker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Bridgewater, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from New Bedford, through Middleborough, South and East Bridgewater, Abington, and Weymouth, to Boston, in the said State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

On motion of Mr. Burwell, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Military and Naval Establishments be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to procure, as soon as practicable, — stand of arms, to be deposited in safe and suitable places, for the service of the United States.

The said proposed resolution was read, and, on motion of Mr. Bacon, ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight." The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled " An act to erect a light house on Point Judith, in the State of Rhode Island," without amendment. And then he withdrew.

On a motion made by Mr. Blount, and seconded, that the House do now proceed to a farther consideration of the proposed resolution for a removal of the seat of Government of the United States to the city of Philadelphia, which was depending on Saturday last, at the time of adjournment :

The question was taken thereupon,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 60,
 { Nays 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,

Benjamin Howard,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
John Rowan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John T aylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Tronp.

Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,

Jesse Wharton,
Marmaduke Williams,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, junior,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, jr.
Samuel W. Dana,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
Daniel Ilsley,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Nehemiah Knight,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,

William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Isaac Wilbour,
James Witherell.

A motion was then made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, that the said resolution be referred to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House ;
And the said motion being under debate,
An adjournment was called for : On which,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1808.

On a motion made by Mr. Blount, and seconded, that the House do now proceed to a farther consideration of the proposed resolution for a removal of the seat of Government of the United States to the city of Philadelphia, which was depending yesterday, at the time of adjournment :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 35,
 Nays 51.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Clopton,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,

Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jr.

John Love,
John Montgomery,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Rowan,
Ebenezer Seaver,

John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horne,
Jesse Wharton,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, junior,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Davenport, jr.
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Thomas Kenan,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,

William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Edward Turner, of the county of Jefferson, in the Mississippi Territory of the United States, praying additional compensation for his services as Register of the Land Office for the district West of Pearl river, and, by virtue of the said appointment, as one of the commissioners *ex officio*, for settling and adjusting the claims to lands in the said district.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Matthew Clay, and seconded, that the House do now, according to the order of the day, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill more effectually to provide for the national defence by the militia of the United States :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds in certain cases, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Marmaduke Williams,

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making additional compensation to the Marshals for the Districts of North Carolina and New Jersey; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the questions severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Friday next.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the fourth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia;" also, that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight;" another, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight;" another, entitled "An act to erect a light house on Point Judith, in the State of Rhode Island;" and another, entitled "An act to revive and continue certain causes and proceedings in the District Court of the District of Columbia;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the fifth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was also received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I communicate to Congress, for their information, a letter from the person acting in the absence of our Consul at Naples, giving reason to believe, on the affidavit of a Captain Sheffield, of the American schooner Mary Ann, that the Dey of Algiers has commenced war against the United States; for this, no just cause has been given on our part, within my knowledge. We may daily expect more authentic and particular information on the subject, from Mr. Lear, who was residing, as our Consul, at Algiers.

TH. JEFFERSON.

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The said message and papers transmitted therewith, were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Quincy, Mr. Findley, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Taylor, Mr. Troup, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Mumford.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same being twice read, the first, second, and third, of the said amendments were agreed to, and the fourth and fifth amendments disagreed to by the House.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table; and, together with the amendments agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1808.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed, the twenty-ninth of October last, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of the same month, as relates to the military and naval establishments, presented to the House a letter addressed to him as chairman of the said committee, from the Secretary of the Navy, respecting the number of seamen employed in the service of the United States; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, a petition of Edward Toppa, William Currier, and George Jenkins, of the State of Massachusetts, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair,

and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

An engrossed bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Goldsborough presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Queenstown, and its vicinity, in Queen Ann county, on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the post route established from Chestertown, in Kent county, to Easton, in Talbot county, may be altered, so as that the same may pass through Queenstown aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1808.

Mr. Newton presented a memorial of the inhabitants of the county of Norfolk and its vicinity, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying the aid and patronage of Congress to enable the Company incorporated by acts of the Legislatures of Virginia and North Carolina, called "The Dismal Swamp Company," to complete a canal which has been commenced for connecting the waters of Albemarle Sound, in the State of North Carolina, with the waters of Elizabeth river, in the State of Virginia.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Holmes presented a memorial of sundry citizens of the counties of Frederick and Shenandoah, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Front Royal, in the county of Frederick, to Port Republic, Hambaugh's mill, Overall's mills, Hawksbill mills, Mundellsville, and Ockermans, in the county of Shenandoah, and by Kytes mills and Mauzy's store, in the county of Rockingham, to Port Republic, in the said State.

Mr. Holmes also presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Frederick, Shenandoah, Rockingham, and Augusta, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect, and further praying that the said post route may be extended to Waynesborough, in the county of Augusta, aforesaid.

The said memorials were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, further restrictions, in addition to those already imposed by the "act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States," and by the act supplementary to the last mentioned act, are necessary to prevent the exportation of goods, wares, and merchandise, of foreign growth or manufacture, to any foreign port or place; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Bacon presented a petition of Timothy Wellman, junior, of Salem, in the State of Massachusetts, merchant, praying that the Secretary of the Treasury may be authorized to pay to the petitioner two-thirds of the amount of certain bills drawn in favor of Denton, Hall, and Nathan, brothers, by the Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States, near the Court of France; to which proportion the petitioner conceives himself justly entitled as assignee of Denton and Hall aforesaid; also, that he may receive the remaining third part of the amount of the said bills, on giving bond, with sufficient security, to be responsible for the same.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House:

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States;'" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Saturday next.

The House proceeded to consider a resolution proposed by Mr. Burwell, on the eighth instant, which lay on the table; and the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Military and Naval Establishments be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to procure, as soon as practicable, — stand of arms, to be deposited in safe and suitable places for the service of the United States.

On motion of Mr. John Montgomery, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the thirtieth ultimo, the bill concerning Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said bill be recommitted to Mr. John Montgomery, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Upham, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Taylor, Mr. George W. Campbell, and Mr. Jedediah K. Smith.

Mr. Fisk presented a petition of Theophilus Huntington, of the county of Orange, in the State of Vermont, praying relief in consideration of services rendered, and personal injuries sustained, whilst a private in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of Paul Vandervoort, of the county of Seneca, in the State of New York, praying compensation for services performed in the transportation of supplies by order of the Assistant Quartermaster, at King's Ferry, in the said State, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of offering for sale the lands lately ceded to the United States by the Choctaw nation of Indians, in the manner in which the other lands of the United States South of the State of Tennessee are directed to be sold; and that they report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Smith,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the borough of Erie and its vicinity, in the State of Pennsylvania, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table, on the eighth instant, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-ninth of October last, on so much of the message of the President of the United States of the twenty-seventh of the same month, as relates to the Military and Naval Establishments.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the petition of Richard Bland Lee, of the State of Virginia, presented on the twelfth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, praying that compensation may be made to him for a quantity of wood and timber which was cut and removed by a detachment of the army, from a tract of land adjoining Harper's Ferry, on the river Potomac, in which the petitioner holds a fee simple reversionary interest; or that the Government of the United States may purchase the said tract of land en

such terms as shall be deemed reasonable and just, together with a report of the Secretary of War thereon, made on the twenty-first of the same month, be referred to Mr. Lewis, Mr. Elliot, and Mr. Holland; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Dawson presented a petition of John Porter, of the county of Louisa, in the State of Virginia, praying relief in consideration of services rendered, and personal injuries sustained by the petitioner, as a sergeant of infantry and wagon conductor in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

On motion of Mr. Parke, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing farther time to the Board of Commissioners for the Kaskaskia District, in the Indiana Territory, to complete the investigation of claims to land in the said District: and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Parke,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the Illinois and village of Peoria, in the Indiana Territory, presented and ordered to lie on the table, on the twenty-sixth of February last, praying that the respective claims of the petitioners to land within the said Territory may be examined and decided upon by the Board of Commissioners established at Kaskaskia, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the tenth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit: one entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight;" another entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight;" another entitled "An act to erect a light-house on Point Judith, in the State of Rhode Island;" and another entitled "An act to revive and continue certain causes and proceedings in the District Court of the District of Columbia."

Mr. Bacon presented a petition of Joseph Story, a citizen of the State of Massachusetts, and Agent of the New England Mississippi Company, for supporting their claims to compensation for lands within the territory ceded to the United States by the State of Georgia; which was received and read: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, that the House do come to following resolution:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of Joseph Story, as Agent of the New England Mississippi Company, praying that he may be admitted to a hearing at the bar of this House, in behalf of the said company, to state their rights, and explain their claims which are now pending before Congress, be granted; and that the House will proceed to hear said Agent, accordingly, at their Bar, on Monday the twenty second day of February instant:

And, on the question that the House do agree to the same,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 28,
 { Nays 76.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,

John Harris,
James Holland,
Daniel Isley,
William Kirkpatrick,
Matthew Lyon,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, jun.
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
John Love,

Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horne,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, were the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Chase, Jared Gardner, and others;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the sale of the lands of the United States, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15. 1808.

An engrossed bill making additional compensation to the marshals for the districts of North Carolina and New Jersey was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making additional compensation to the marshals for the districts of North Carolina and New Jersey."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Boyle,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Knox, in the State of Kentucky, presented on the twenty-seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and praying compensation for damages sustained by the petitioners in the destruction of their dwelling houses and other property, by a detachment of the army of the United States, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and one, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, and seconded,

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill concerning public contracts; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jacob Richards reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Chittenden, and seconded,

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill in farther addition to an act, entitled "An act to amend the judicial system of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trigg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

On motion of Mr. Boyle, and seconded,

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making farther provision for the disposal of the sections of land heretofore reserved for the future disposition of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to amend an act, entitled "An act for laying and collecting duties on imports and tonnage within the territories ceded to the United States by the treaty of the thirtieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and three, between the United States and the French Republic, and for other purposes;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A motion being made by Mr. Bassett, and seconded, that the House do now, according to the order of the day, proceed to the farther consideration of the report of a select committee appointed to prepare and report such standing rules and orders of proceeding as are proper to be observed in this House, together with the amendments

reported thereto, by the Committee of the Whole House, on the eighteenth ultimo : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Newton, and seconded, that the said order of the day be postponed until Monday next ;

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Cook, and seconded,

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Graham, Chief Clerk in the office of the Secretary of State, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I communicate, for the information of Congress, a letter from the Consul of the United States at Malaga, to the Secretary of State, covering one from Mr. Lear, our Consul, at Algiers, which gives information, that the rupture threatened on the part of the Dey of Algiers, has been amicably settled, and the vessels seized by him are liberated.

TH. JEFFERSON.

FEBRUARY 15, 1808.

The said message, and the papers transmitted therewith, were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed on a written message from the President of the United States relative to the commencement of war by the Dey of Algiers, received on the ninth instant.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of October last, as relates to the Military and Naval Establishments, and who were instructed by a resolution of the House, of the eleventh instant, "to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to procure, as soon as practicable, — stand of arms, to be deposited in safe and suitable places for the service of the United States," made a report, in part, thereon; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the sum of — dollars be appropriated to enable the President of the United States to procure by purchase, or by causing the same to be manufactured, — stand of arms for the use of the United States, to be deposited in safe and suitable places.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that Mr. Dawson, Mr. Helms, Mr. Rea, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Butler, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Champion, and Mr. Storer, do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. Dawson, from the same committee, to whom was committed, on the twenty-seventh ultimo, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act fixing the Military Peace Establishment of the United States,'" reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Chandler presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Cumberland and Oxford, in the District of Maine, and State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Portland, through the towns of Gray, Poland, and Norway, to Paris, in the county of Oxford, aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

the House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of

the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures of the fifth instant, in the form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, to authorize the disposition of certain charts of the coast of North Carolina; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jacob Richards reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the resolution contained therein; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to cause to be sold as many of the charts of the coast of North Carolina, published in conformity to the resolution which passed the second of March, one thousand eight hundred and seven, as shall remain on hand, after reserving the number requisite for the use of the Government of the United States.

Ordered, That the said resolution be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to allow the importation of old copper free of duty; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made by Mr. Dawson, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to consider and report what farther business is necessary to be done during the present session; and at what time it will be proper for Congress to adjourn.

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Edward Weld and Samuel Beebee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Marion reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the inquiry into the conduct of John Smith, a Senator from the State of Ohio;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Willis Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Van Rensselaer,

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Samuel Whiting; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendment: When

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Stanford, and seconded by Mr. Bassett, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following be added to the standing rules and orders of the House:

Order of business of the day.

As soon as the Journal is read, the Speaker shall call for petitions from the members of each State, and delegates from each Territory; beginning with New Hampshire.

After the petitions have been presented and disposed of, the reports of the standing committees of the House shall be called for, in the order of their appointment at the beginning of the session.

Reports from select committees shall then be received.

The above business shall be done at no other part of the day. The House shall then consider the other business, in the following order :

Executive Messages.

Reports from Departments.

Reports from the Postmaster General.

Bills on the first, and by special order on the second reading.

Bills on the third reading.

Committees of the Whole House in the following order.

On bills from the Senate in the order committed.

On bills originating in the House of Representatives in the order committed.

On joint resolutions in the order committed.

On reports of the standing committees in the order committed.

On reports of select committees in the same order.

On Executive messages in the same order.

On reports of Departments, and of the Postmaster General in the same order.

Reports of Committee of the Whole House shall be considered as soon as made, unless otherwise directed by the House.

The Speaker shall read over the several orders of the day until one be called for, on which the question shall be put, unless a privileged question be moved on it.

No order of the day shall be postponed, on motion, unless indefinitely.

Joint rule of the two Houses.

No petition or bill which originated from a petition, which may be rejected by either House, shall be again taken into consideration, unless in the House which rejected the petition or bill.

Ordered, That the said proposed resolution do lie on the table.

Mr. Garnett presented a petition of Samuel French, of the State of Virginia, which was received and read, praying that he may receive the commutation of half pay and other emoluments due for his services as a Lieutenant in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Knight presented a petition of Robert S. Burrough and Stephen Hopkins, weighers and measurers for the district and port of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for a balance stated to be due to the petitioners for their services in the capacity aforesaid.

Mr. Goodwyn presented a petition of Thomas Willcox, of the town of Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, praying compensation for the value of a horse, the property of the petitioner, which was lost in a late expedition to Norfolk, in the said State under the authority of the Government of the United States.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. John Morrow,

Ordered, That the petition of Anna M'Knight of the State of Virginia, formerly Anna Fullerton, widow of Doctor Humphrey Fullerton, deceased, presented on the fourteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, and praying relief in consideration of losses sustained, and services rendered by her said deceased husband, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a petition of the inhabitants of the town of Canton, and its vicinity, in the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Steubenville to the town of Canton, aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed yesterday for that purpose, presented, according to order, a bill for procuring an additional number of arms ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Blackledge, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Ways and Means be directed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the several acts fixing the salaries and emoluments of the collectors of duties on imports and tonnage; and that the committee be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the inquiry into the conduct of John Smith, a Senator from the State of Ohio," was read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill making farther provision for the disposal of the sections of land heretofore reserved for the future disposition of Congress was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making farther provision for the disposal of the sections of land heretofore reserved for the future disposition of Congress."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Edward Weld and Samuel Beebee was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Edward Weld and Samuel Beebee."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to allow the importation of old copper free of duty was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to allow the importation of old copper free of duty."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed resolution, in the form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, to authorize the disposition of certain charts of the coast of North Carolina, was read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said resolution to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for erecting a light house, and placing buoys at the places therein mentioned;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

An engrossed bill concerning public contracts was read the third time.

The question being stated from the chair, that the same do pass; and debate arising thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Southard, and seconded, that the said bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House;

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the said bill be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

The House proceeded to a farther consideration of the bill for the relief of Samuel Whiting: Whereupon,

The amendment reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

The said bill was then amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendment, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1808.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from David Thomas, one of the members for the State of New York, containing his resignation of a seat in the House.

The said letter was read : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Van Allen, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Speaker address a letter to the Executive of the State of New York, communicating information of the resignation of David Thomas, one of the members returned from that State to serve in this House, that measures may be taken to supply the vacancy occasioned thereby in the representation from that State :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Gardner presented a memorial of the inhabitants of the city of Detroit, in the Territory of Michigan, praying that the title to a certain parcel of land, amounting to about two thousand acres, adjoining the said city of Detroit, may be granted, in fee simple, to the corporation thereof, for the free use in common of all the memorialists, under such reservations as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the ordinance for the Government of the several Territories of the United States, as empowers the Governors of said Territories to prorogue and dissolve the House of Representatives elected by the People ; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Ilsley, Mr. Rowan, Mr. Gardenier, and Mr. Cobb, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Samuel Whiting was read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 56,
 { Nays 41.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
John Blake, junior,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Baron Gardenier,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
Reuben Humphreys,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Edward St. Loë Livermore,
William M'Creery,

William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge;

John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horne,

Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Chandler,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,

Nehemiah Knight,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
James Witherell.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act fixing the military peace establishment of the United States;'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trigg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twelfth of November last, the petition of Jared Shattuck, by Elliston and John Perot, his agents and attorneys, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. John Montgomery, from the committee to whom was recommitted, on the eleventh instant, the bill concerning Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry, reported an amendatory bill; which was received, and read the first time.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1808.

The amendatory bill concerning Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry, yesterday presented to the House by Mr. John Montgomery, was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Desha presented to the House a resolution of the Legislature of the State of Kentucky, relative to the opening of a wagon road from the Ohio river, opposite Port William, to intersect the road leading from Cincinnati to Fort Wayne, near or at Fort Recovery.

The said resolution was read: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Desha, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands be directed to inquire into the expediency of opening a wagon road from the Ohio river, opposite Port William, at the mouth of Kentucky, to intersect the road leading from Cincinnati to Fort Wayne, near or at Fort Recovery; and that they be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

And the question being taken thereupon,
It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the propriety of causing such buoys to be provided and placed, as may be requisite for the security of navigation, at and near the entrance of Connecticut river; and to report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Chandler, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the expediency of raising by enlistment, and organizing a number of volunteer troops, not exceeding twenty-four thousand men, for the service of the United States; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Chandler, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Trigg, Mr. Findley, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Van Allen, and Mr. Johnson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the raising an additional army; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties," without amendment. And then he withdrew.

On a motion made by Mr. Van Dyke, and seconded, that the House come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House, such information, touching our foreign relations, as he may deem consistent with the public interest, the better to enable this House to judge how far the military establishment of the United States ought to be increased:

The House proceeded to consider the said proposed resolution: When,

An adjournment being called for,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1808.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Graham, Chief Clerk in the office of the Secretary of State, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

The States of Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Virginia, having, by their several acts, consented that the road from Cumberland to the State of Ohio, authorized by the act of Congress of the twenty-ninth March, one thousand eight hundred and six, should pass through those States, and the report of the Commissioners communicated to Congress with my message of the thirty-first January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, having been duly considered, I have approved of the route therein proposed for the said road, as far as Brownsville, with a single deviation since located, which carries it through Union-town.

From thence the course to the Ohio, and the point within the legal limits at which it shall strike that river, is still to be decided. In forming this decision I shall pay material regard to the interests and wishes of the populous parts of the State of Ohio, and to a future and convenient connection with the road which is to lead from the Indian boundary near Cincinnati, by Vincennes to the Mississippi, at St. Louis, under authority of the act of the twenty-first April, one thousand eight hundred and six. In this way we may accomplish a continued and advantageous line of communication from the seat of the General Government to St. Louis, passing through several very interesting points of the Western country.

I have thought it advisable also to secure from obliteration the trace of the road so far as it has been approved, which has been executed at such considerable expense, by opening one half of its breadth through its whole length.

The report of the Commissioners, herewith transmitted, will give particular informa-

tion of their proceedings, under the act of the twenty-ninth March, one thousand eight hundred and six, since the date of my message of the thirty-first January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and will enable Congress to adopt such further measures relative thereto, as they may deem proper under existing circumstances.

TH. JEFFERSON.

FEBRUARY 19, 1808.

The said message, and document accompanying the same, were read, and referred to Mr. John Montgoinery, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Samuel Smith, and Mr. Stanford.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had, according to order, examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one, entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties;" and another, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the inquiry into the conduct of John Smith, a Senator from the State of Ohio;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Poindexter, from the committee appointed, on the seventeenth instant, to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the ordinance for the Government of the several Territories, as empowers the Governors of said Territories to prorogue and dissolve the House of Representatives elected by the People, presented, according to order, a bill concerning the powers of territorial Governors; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Chandler presented to the House a petition of Robert Elwell, of the District of Maine, and State of Massachusetts, stating that, in the year one thousand eight hundred and five, he chartered his ship called the "Huntress," to the United States, to carry naval stores to the American squadron, then in the Mediterranean sea, and that the said ship was captured, during her voyage, by a Spanish privateer, in consequence of not being furnished with the proper documents by the Government, and afterwards re-captured by a British vessel of war, and sent into England, where she was libelled for salvage, and upon trial ordered to be restored to the petitioner, upon his paying all the reasonable expenses incurred by the captors in consequence of the said capture, when he was ordered by the American Consul to Liverpool, there to discharge her cargo; and praying to be allowed his expenses incurred, and the demurrage stipulated in the charter party aforesaid; or that such provision may be made for the settlement of his account, as shall seem just and proper.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of the Navy, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Chandler have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from to-morrow, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Van Dyke,

Ordered, That the petition of the officers and soldiers who served in America, during the war between France and Great Britain, which commenced in the year one thousand seven hundred and fifty-five, presented the twentieth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, praying to be confirmed in their respective titles to certain lands granted by the King of Great Britain, in consideration of military services rendered the American colonies, during the said war, be referred to the Committee on Public Lands.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of the stockholders of the "Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria," and others, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a law may be passed by Congress to alter the style of the said company to that of "The Marine and Fire Insurance Company of Alexandria;" and to authorize the company under its new designation to make insurances against fire on houses, warehouses, household furniture, and on goods, wares, and merchandise, within the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the thirtieth ultimo, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to revive and continue

in force the nineteenth section of an act, entitled 'An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States,' and to extend the provisions thereof," be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill be committed to the committee, appointed on the fifth of November last, "to inquire what compensation should be allowed for issuing commissions giving authority to take testimony or examinations relative to claims or applications under the act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war."

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Gallia county, in the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying the establishment of a cross post route from Athens, in the county of Athens, to Gallipolis, in the county and State aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

The resolution submitted to the consideration of the House yesterday, by Mr. Van Dyke, requesting the President of the United States to communicate information touching our foreign relations, being again read at the Clerk's table ;

The question was taken that the House do now proceed to the farther consideration of the same ;

And passed in the negative.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the engrossed bill, entitled "An act concerning public contracts," recommit-
ted on the sixteenth instant, was called for :

And the question being put that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 50,
 { Nays 61.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
John Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
John D wson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
Edwin Gray,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,

William McCreery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, jun.
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,

George W. Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Chandler,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.

Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
James Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
James Holland,
Daniel Hsley,
James Kelly,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,

Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Rowan,
James Sloan,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horne,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill in the addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States ;' and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to extend the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory," without amendment. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That this House is penetrated with a full sense of the eminent services rendered to his country, in the most arduous times, by the late John Dickinson, deceased ; and that the members thereof wear crape on the left arm for one month, in testimony of the national gratitude and reverence towards the memory of that illustrious patriot.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Garnett,

Ordered, That Mr. David R. Williams be appointed of the Joint Committee of Enrolled Bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit : one entitled "An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties ;" and another entitled "An act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the inquiry into the conduct of John Smith, a Senator from the State of Ohio."

Mr. John Montgomery presented a petition of the officers of the Navy of the United States, praying that the value of their rations may be increased ; that they may be allowed rations while on half-pay ; that provision may be made for the widows and orphans of the officers of the Navy, similar to the provision already made for those of the officers of the army ; that Masters Commandant may be allowed an additional number of rations, and that the pay of the Midshipmen may be increased.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. John Montgomery, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Dana, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Gray ; to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Occoquan, in Prince William county, State of Virginia, praying the establishment of a post office at the said town of Occoquan.

Mr. Blackledge presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Newbern, in the State of North Carolina, praying that a mail boat may be established from Shell Castle or Portsmouth Island, in the said State, to the said town of Newbern.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments yesterday reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States;'" and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, the second, third, fourth, and fifth amendments were agreed to, and the first of the said amendments disagreed to by the House.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table, when a motion was made by Mr. Milnor, and the question being put, that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed until Wednesday next :

It passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded,

That the said bill be recommended to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for :

When the several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1808.

Mr. Quincy presented a petition of John Derby and Samuel Gardner Derby, both of Salem, and John Prince, jun. of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, merchants, praying that they may be authorized to despatch a vessel in ballast, under such restrictions as Congress may be pleased to prescribe, for the purpose of conveying to the United States, the cargo of the schooner Hope, of Salem, which, as the petitioners suggest, had arrived at Sierra Leone, on the coast of Africa, in the month of October last, on her homeward bound passage, laden with a valuable cargo, consisting of gold dust, ivory, gums, and bills of exchange.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Mumford,

Ordered, That the memorial of Daniel Cotton, of the city and State of New York, merchant, presented on the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, and praying indemnification for losses sustained in consequence of the seizure and detention of the ship Ann Maria, the property of the petitioner, by the Bey of Tunis, while under charter party to the United States, together with a report of the Committee of Claims thereon, of the nineteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill regulating the mode of surveying the public lands in Orleans Territory, and granting the rights of pre-emption in certain cases; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his report on the petition of Timothy Wellman, jun. referred to him by order of the House, on the eleventh instant; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Goodwyn presented a petition of Benjamin Edwards, of the town of Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, praying compensation for the value of a horse, the property of the petitioner, which died whilst on a late expedition to Norfolk, in the said State, under the authority of the Government of the United States.

Mr. Clopton presented a memorial of John Adams, of the city of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, surgeon in the expedition aforesaid, to the like effect.

The said petition and memorial were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. John Montgomery, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire if any, and what, compensation ought to be made to Captain Pike, and his companions, for their services in exploring the Mississippi river, and in their late expedition to the sources of the Osage, Arkansas, and La Pláté rivers, together with their tour through New Spain; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. John Montgomery, Mr. Daniel Montgomery, Mr. Rowan, Mr. Lemuel J. Alston, Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Upham, and Mr. Goodwyn, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States;'" which was depending on Saturday last, at the time of adjournment: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the several acts to provide more effectually for the national defence by the militia of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1808.

Another member, to wit: John Culpeper, returned to serve as a member for the State of North Carolina, by virtue of a new election held in the counties of Richmond, Montgomery, Anson, Moore, Cumberland, and Robeson, composing the Seventh Congressional District of the said State, and whose seat had been declared vacant by a resolution of this House, of the second day of January last, appeared, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

On motion of Mr. Van Rensselaer, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed for the purpose of inquiring into the expediency of continuing the act, entitled "An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to State Judges and State Courts," and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Van Rensselaer, Mr. Hsley, and Mr. Lyon, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The Speaker laid before the House a certificate from the Governor of North Carolina, under the great seal of the said State, and bearing date the thirteenth of the present month, stating that John Culpeper hath been duly elected as a Representative in this House for the Seventh Congressional District of the said State; which was ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

The House proceeded to consider a resolution moved by Mr. Dawson, on the fifteenth instant, which was read, and ordered to lie on the table, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to consider and report what farther business is necessary to be done during the present session; and at what time it will be proper for Congress to adjourn.

And the said resolution being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed by the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act making additional compensation to the Marshals for the Districts of North Carolina and New Jersey;" and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Whiting," without amendment. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise;'" and the bill, entitled "An act making farther provision for the disposal of the sections of land heretofore reserved for the future disposition of Congress," with amendments

to the two last mentioned bills, respectively ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to amend the several acts to provide more effectually for the national defence by the militia of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

On the question, that the House do now proceed to take the said amendment into consideration,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise :'" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making farther provision for the disposal of the sections of land heretofore reserved for the future disposition of Congress :'" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1808.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was recommitment, on the twenty-second instant, the bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,'" reported an amendatory bill ; which was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Whitchill, one of the members for the State Pennsylvania, presented to the House two resolutions, in the form of concurrent resolutions, of the Senate and House of Representatives of the said State, one signed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the other by the Speaker of the Senate, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, relative to the term of continuance in, and removal from, office of the Judges of the Supreme and other Courts of the United States ; which was received and read : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Clay, and seconded, that the said resolutions be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union :

And, after debate, the question was taken thereon,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 82,
 { Nays 27.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, jun.
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,

Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Joseph Barker,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Charles Goldsborough,
John Harris,
John Heister,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,

Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loc Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
William Milnor,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Matthias Richards,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horne,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

On motion of Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the following be added to the 'standing rules and orders of the House :

If any member in speaking shall violate decorum and order, he shall be called to order by the Speaker, or may be called to order by any member ; in either of which cases, he shall immediately sit down ; the objectionable words may then be repeated by

the member calling to order, and, if required, be taken down in writing by the Clerk, and read : Whereupon, the member called to order, may either deny, retract, explain, or apologize for the words spoken. If the House be satisfied therewith, no farther proceedings shall be had, but, if otherwise, he shall be subject to the censure of the House, at its discretion, according to the constitutional provisions in that respect :

The said motion was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Durell, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is expedient to discontinue the post road from Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, through Dover, Rochester, and Moultonborough, to Plymouth; and from Plymouth, to Portsmouth, by New Holderness, Meredith, Gilmanton, Nottingham, and Durham; and to establish instead thereof, the following post roads, to wit : From Portsmouth, by Dover, Barrington, Barnstead, Gilmanton, Meredith, and New Holderness, to Plymouth; and from Portsmouth, by Dover, Rochester, Milton, Wakefield, Ossipee, Whitman's Tavern, Tamworth Meeting House, Sandwich, Moultonborough, and New Holderness, to Plymouth; and from Plymouth to Portsmouth, by Center Harbour, Moultonborough, Taftonborough, Wolfborough, New Durham, Farmington, Rochester, and Dover. The post to go and return on the two last mentioned routes, alternately. And also to establish a post road from Exeter, in the State of New Hampshire, by Kensington, to Newburyport, in the State of Massachusetts :

The said resolution was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, to whom was recommended, on the twenty-second ultimo, their report in the case of the election and return of Philip B. Key, to serve in this House, as one of the Representatives for the State of Maryland, made an amendatory report thereupon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Findley, from the same committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-third instant, a certificate from the Governor of North Carolina, of the election and return of John Culpeper, to serve in this House as one of the members for the said State, made a report thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth :

"Your committee having examined the credentials of John Culpeper, returned as a Representative from the seventh district of the State of North Carolina, to supply the vacancy occasioned by the former election of that district having been rejected, report :

"That the said John Culpeper is entitled to his seat in this House."

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a resolution appointing a committee, jointly, with a committee to be appointed on the part of the House of Representatives, to have the direction of the money appropriated to purchase books for the use of Congress, pursuant to the "Act making a further appropriation for the support of a Library." passed on the twenty-first of February, one thousand eight hundred and six. And then he withdrew.

On a motion made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be requested to state to this House whether or not, in his opinion, the public good and general convenience will be promoted by changing the present post route, so as to pass through the town of Occoquan, instead of Colchester, and that he detail his reasons for such opinion :

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Dawson, and seconded, to amend the same to read as followeth :

Resolved, That the Postmaster General be requested to state to this House whether or not, in his opinion, the public good and general convenience will be promoted by changing the present post route, so as to pass through the town of Occoquan instead of Colchester, and that he detail his reasons for such opinion; and whether the mails, during the last year, have been carried from Alexandria to Fredericksburg, according to the existing laws and contract :

And on the question that the House do agree to the proposed resolution, as so amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, ac-

cording to order, a bill to permit John and Samuel Gardner Derby, and John Prince, junior, to despatch a vessel to Sierra Leone, on the coast of Africa; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. John Montgomery presented a petition of Gassaway Watkins, of Ann Arundel county, in the State of Maryland, praying that such farther compensation may be made for military services rendered, and personal injuries sustained, by the petitioner, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. John Montgomery also presented a petition of Vachel Burgess, of the county of Ann Arundel, in the State of Maryland, praying relief in consideration of services rendered to the United States, as a captain in the eighth Maryland regiment, and for personal hardships sustained, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the fourth of December last, to prepare and bring in a bill, or bills, making provision for an adequate and comfortable support of such officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary army as are still existing in a state of indigence.

An engrossed bill extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill remitting the duties payable on the importation of a monument to be erected in memory of the officers of the United States' navy, who fell during the attack made on the City of Tripoli, in the year one thousand eight hundred and four; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1808.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit: one, entitled "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory;" another, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise;'" another, entitled "An act making farther provisions for the disposal of the sections of land heretofore reserved for the future disposition of Congress;" another, entitled "An act making additional compensation to the Marshals for the Districts of North Carolina and New Jersey;" and another, entitled "An act for the relief of Samuel Whiting;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution of the Senate, of the twenty-fourth instant, for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses, to have the application of the money appropriated by the "Act making a farther appropriation for the support of a Library," passed the twenty-first of February, one thousand eight hundred and six: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said resolution of the Senate ; and that Mr. Dang, Mr. Joseph Clay, and Mr. Wilson C. Nicholas, be appointed of the said committee, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting his report on the petition of Samuel French, referred to him by order of the House on the sixteenth instant ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fifteenth instant, a petition of sundry inhabitants of Knox county, in the State of Kentucky, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the bill remitting the duties payable on the importation of a Monument to be erected in memory of the officers of the United States' navy, who fell during the attack made on the City of Tripoli, in the year one thousand eight hundred and four, to which the Committee of the Whole House reported no amendment on the twenty-fourth instant : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Gardner, and seconded, that the said bill be recommended to a Committee of the Whole House :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Another member, to wit : from Virginia, John G. Jackson, appeared, produced his credentials and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for procuring an additional number of arms ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Marion reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same being twice read, the first was agreed to, and the second amendment disagreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, farther to amend the said bill, by adding to the end thereof the following proviso, to wit : "*Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the President of the United States to purchase any existing manufactory of arms within the United States :"

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward Weld and Samuel Beebee," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the resolution of this House, of the sixteenth instant, in the form of a concurrent resolution of the two Houses, "to authorize the disposition of certain charts of the coast of North Carolina," without amendment. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on an engrossed bill concerning public contracts, which was recommitted on the sixteenth instant ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1808.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the twenty-fifth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit : "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory ;" "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise ;'" "An act making farther provision for the disposal of the sections of land heretofore reserved for

the future disposition of Congress ;" " An act making additional compensation to the Marshals for the Districts of North Carolina and New Jersey ;" and " An act for the relief of Samuel Whiting."

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the tenth instant, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit : " An act to erect a light house on Point Judith, in the State of Rhode Island ;" " An act making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight ;" and " An act making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight ;" on the nineteenth instant, " An act making appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties ;" on the twenty-fifth instant, " An act making additional compensation to the Marshals for the Districts of North Carolina and New Jersey ;" and " An act for the relief of Samuel Whiting " also, that the President did, this day, approve and sign " An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Another message, in writing, was also received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

The dangers to our country arising from the contests of other nations, and the urgency of making preparation for whatever events might affect our relations with them, have been intimated in preceding messages to Congress. To secure ourselves, by due precautions, an augmentation of our military force, as well regular as of volunteer militia, seems to be expedient. The precise extent of that augmentation cannot as yet be satisfactorily suggested : but, that no time may be lost, and especially at a season deemed favorable to the object, I submit to the wisdom of the Legislature, whether they will authorize a commencement of this precautionary work, by a present provision for raising and organizing some additional force ; reserving themselves to decide its ultimate extent on such views of our situation as I may be enabled to present at a future day of the session.

If an increase of force be now approved, I submit to their consideration the outlines of a plan proposed in the enclosed letter from the Secretary of War.

I recommend also to the attention of Congress, the term at which the act of April eighteenth, one thousand eight hundred and six, concerning the militia, will expire, and the effect of that expiration.

TH. JEFFERSON.

FEBRUARY 25, 1808.

The said message and documents accompanying the same were read : Whereupon, On motion of Mr. Dawson, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred, on the twenty-sixth January, a bill authorizing the raising an additional army, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said bill, and so much of the message of the President of the United States thereof, as relates to raising an additional army, be referred to the committee appointed, the twenty-ninth of October last, on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments.

Ordered, That such other parts of the said message and documents as relates to the engaging and organizing twenty-four thousand volunteers, be referred to the committee appointed, the eighteenth instant, on the same subject.

Ordered, That such other parts of the said message as relates to an expiration of the act of Congress, of the eighteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, concerning the militia of the United States, be referred to the committee last mentioned.

Mr. Quincy presented a petition of Nathaniel F. Fosdick, late Collector for the Port and District of Portland and Falmouth, in the District of Maine, and State of Massachusetts, praying relief in the case of a judgment awarded against him by the Circuit Court of the United States for the said District, by which award the petitioner, as he suggests, is liable, and will be compelled to pay a considerable sum more than is actually due from him to the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Dana presented a petition of the citizens of the borough of Stonington, in the State of Connecticut, signed by Amos Palmer and others, a committee appointed in behalf of the said citizens, praying that such measures may be adopted for the defence of the port and harbor of Stonington, as may be sufficient to protect the petitioners from single ships of war and privateers.

The said petition was read : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, that the Speaker transmit to the President of the United States the petition presented to this House from the borough of Stonington, in Connecticut, praying that fortifications may be erected for the protection of that port :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Assistant Postmaster General, enclosing a report prepared by him, in the absence of the Postmaster General, pursuant to a resolution of this House of the twenty-fourth instant ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

Mr. Clinton presented a petition of Pattin Jackson, of the county of Orange, in the State of New York, praying that he may be allowed the commutation of half pay and other emoluments due for his services as an officer in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

Mr. John Campbell presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Charles county, in the State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Piscataway, in Prince George's county, through Troy by Beantown, to Bryantown, and from thence to intersect the mail at the Cool Springs ; and that a post office may be fixed at Bryantown aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the twelfth of November, the second, seventh, sixteenth, and eighteenth of December last, the memorials and petitions of sundry hatters in the States of Connecticut, New York, and Maryland, be discharged from the consideration of the same.

An engrossed bill remitting the duties payable on the importation of a monument to be erected in memory of the officers of the United States' navy who fell during the attack made on the city of Tripoli, in the year one thousand eight hundred and four, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act remitting the duties payable on the importation of a monument to be erected in memory of the officers of the United States' navy who fell during the attack made on the city of Tripoli, in the year one thousand eight hundred and four."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for procuring an additional number of arms was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for procuring an additional number of arms."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On a motion made by Mr. Garnett, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That three hundred copies of the act of the Legislature of Georgia, commonly called the Rescinding Act, and passed in February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, be printed for the use of the members of this House :

A motion was made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, to amend the said proposed resolution, to read as followeth :

Resolved, That three hundred copies of the act of the Legislature of Georgia, commonly called the Rescinding Act, and passed in February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, be printed for the use of the members of this House ; also, three hundred copies of the message of the President of the United States, accompanying certain articles of agreement and cession which have been entered into and signed by the Commissioners of the United States, and the Commissioners of the State of Georgia, in pursuance of an act, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for an amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory,'" communicated to this House on the twenty-sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and two ; also, three hun-

dred copies of the report of the Commissioners appointed in pursuance of an act for the amicable settlement of limits with the State of Georgia, and authorizing the establishment of a Government in the Mississippi Territory," made to this House on the twentieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and four.

The said proposed resolution, as amended, being read at the Clerk's table, was, on motion of Mr. David R. Williams, ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward Weld and Samuel Beebee;" and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, were, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The amendatory bill in addition to the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,'" was read the second time.

On motion of Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

The House being cleared of all persons except the members and the Clerk,

A confidential message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I enclose, for the information of Congress, letters recently received from our Ministers at Paris and London, communicating their representations against the late decrees and orders of France and Great Britain, heretofore transmitted to Congress. These documents will contribute to the information of Congress, as to the dispositions of those Powers, and the probable course of their proceedings towards neutrals; and will doubtless have their due influence in adopting the measures of the Legislature to the actual crisis.

Although nothing forbids the general matter of these letters from being spoken of without reserve, yet as the publication of papers of this description would restrain injuriously the freedom of our foreign correspondence, they are communicated so far confidentially, and with a request that, after being read to the satisfaction of both Houses, they may be returned.

TH. JEFFERSON.

FEBRUARY 26, 1808.

The said message, and the papers accompanying the same, being read,

A motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That previous to a return of the papers accompanying the message of the President of the United States, this day communicated, the Clerk of this House take and retain copies thereof :

And on the question that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House such letters recently received from the American Minister at Paris, as accompanied the said Minister's representations against the late decrees and orders of France, communicated to Congress in his message of this day, under such restrictions as, in his opinion, the public interest may require :

And on the question that the House do now proceed to take the said motion into consideration,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 60,
 { Nays 62.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Joseph Clay,

George Clinton, jun.
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,

James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 James Fisk,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Philip B. Key,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loc Livermore,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,

Josiah Masters,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 Thomas Moore,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Samuel Smith,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Jabez Upham,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jr.
 David Bari,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, junior,
 Thomas Blount,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Howell Cobb,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Daniel Hsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Walter Jones,

John Lambert,
 William M'Creery,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 John Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Pugh,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Taylor,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the injunction of secrecy, so far as relates to the foregoing message of the President of the United States, and the proceedings of the House thereon, be removed, and that the same be published :

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1808.

The House being cleared of all persons except the members and the Clerk, resumed the consideration of a motion made by Mr. Quincy, and depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, that the injunction of secrecy imposed on the members of this House, so far as relates to a *confidential* message, in writing, from the President of the United States, and the proceedings of the House thereupon, be removed, and that the same be published.

And the question being taken thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Alexander,

Resolved, That the order of the day for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States, be postponed until Monday, the seventh of March next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act to allow the importation of old copper free of duty," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled " An act granting William Wells the right of pre-emption ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The President of the United States did, on the tenth and nineteenth instant, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate, to wit : " An act to revive and continue certain causes and proceedings in the District Court of the District of Columbia ;" and " An act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the inquiry into the conduct of John Smith, a Senator from the State of Ohio : " And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the amendatory bill in addition to the act, entitled " An act supplementary to the act, entitled ' An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' " which was ordered to lie on the table, on the twenty-sixth instant ; and the same being amended at the Clerk's table, was, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 1808.

Mr. Clopton, one of the members for Virginia, presented to the House an attested copy of a concurrent resolution of the Senate and House of Delegates of the State of Virginia, proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, relative to a removal of the Senators in Congress by the vote of a majority of the whole number of the members of the respective State Legislatures by which the said Senators have been, or may be appointed ; which was received and read : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Clopton, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring, That the following be proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution, to wit :

" The Senators in the Congress of the United States may be removed from office by the vote of a majority of the whole number of the members of the respective State Legislatures by which the said Senators have been, or may be appointed."

And the said proposed resolution being twice read, was, on motion of Mr. Clopton, ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion.

Ordered, That Mr. Seaver, of Massachusetts, and Mr. Knight, of Rhode Island, have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Van Dyke presented a petition of James Donaho, of the borough of Southwark, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying that he may be placed on the list of pensioners of the United States, in consideration of a wound received at the battle of Eutaw Springs, in the State of South Carolina, whilst a private in Lieutenant Colonel

Lee's legion of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the fourth of December last, to prepare and bring in a bill, or bills, making provision for an adequate and comfortable support of such officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary army as are still existing in a state of indigence.

On motion of Mr. Livermore, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a post road be established from Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, to Newburyport, by the Newburyport turnpike.

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

Mr. Blackledge presented a memorial of the President and Directors of the Newbern Marine Insurance Company, in the State of North Carolina, praying that a mail boat may be established to pass to and from the town of Newbern and Shell Castle Island, in the said State ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

Mr. Dawson, one of the members of this House, for the State of Virginia, presented to the House an attested copy of an act passed by the Legislature of the said State, passed on the eighth day of the present month, entitled "An act for the defence of the Eastern frontier of this Commonwealth ;" which was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Dawson, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Heister, Mr. Jedediah K. Smith, and Mr. Fisk, with instruction to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed on so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of October last, as relates to the military and naval establishments, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the raising an additional army ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Clopton, from the committee appointed on the twenty-eighth of December last, presented, according to order, a bill to revive and make permanent "An act to prescribe the mode of taking evidence in cases of contested elections for members of the House of Representatives of the United States, and to compel the attendance of witnesses," and in addition to the same ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

An engrossed bill in addition the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,'" was read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 97,
Nays 22.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jr.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Joseph Clay,

Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isalah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,

David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,

John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Tayler,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horne,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Charles Goldsborough,
John Harris,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,

Matthew Lyon,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Rowan,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act granting William Wells the right of pre-emption," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee on Public Lands.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to allow the importation of old copper free of duty." Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-seventh instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and mer-

chandise;" also, that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, which also originated in this House, entitled "An act making farther provision for the disposal of the sections of land heretofore reserved for the future disposition of Congress."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report, in part, made on the nineteenth of November last, by the committee appointed on so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present Session of Congress, as relates to the military and naval establishments; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jacob Richards reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the second resolution contained therein; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved. That the Secretary of War be authorized, under the direction of the President of the United States, to sell to individual States, which may wish to purchase, any arms owned by the United States, and which may be parted with without injury to the public.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that Mr. Dawson, Mr. Helms, Mr. Rea, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Butler, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Champion, and Mr. Storer, do prepare and bring in the same.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1808.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a statement of goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the United States for one year, prior to the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and seven; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Van Rensselaer, from the committee appointed on the twenty-third ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force "An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to State Judges and State Courts;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed on so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of October last, as relates to the military and naval establishments, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the sale of public arms; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made by Mr. Van Horn, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, two-thirds of both Houses concurring therein, That the following amendment to the Constitution of the United States be proposed to the Legislatures of the several States, which, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the said States, shall be valid, to all intents and purposes, as part of the said Constitution:

No person shall be eligible as Senator or Representative in Congress, who shall hold any office under, or be bound by any contract entered into with the Government of the United States, or any department, or officer, or agent thereof, at the time the election shall take place. Nor shall any Senator or Representative in Congress, if he shall qualify as such, hold any civil office or appointment under the Government of the United States, or make any contract with any department or officer thereof, during the time for which he shall be elected.

The said proposed resolution was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Tallmadge, from the committee appointed on the twenty-fifth of January last, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the raising an additional army; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes;" also, the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight," without amendment. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on an engrossed bill concerning public contracts; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, transmitting an abstract of the number of seamen registered in the several collection districts of the United States, for the years one thousand eight hundred and six, and one thousand eight hundred and seven, in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the ninth of January last; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on a resolution proposed by Mr. Dana, on the said ninth of January, for the encouragement and security of seamen of the United States.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Ordered, That the petition of Elias De Butts, William Combs, James Hunter, and Bernard Mulligan, presented on the twenty-seventh of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and praying compensation for damages sustained by the seizure and detention of a vessel and cargo, the property of the petitioners, which was libelled in the District Court of the United States, for the District of Maryland, and afterwards restored and delivered to them, there appearing no evidence to justify the said seizure, be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Fisk presented to the House a memorial of James Jay, of the State of New York, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim against the United States, for moneys advanced, and services rendered, of an important and secret nature, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said memorial, together with a former petition presented to this House on the same subject, and the reports of the Secretary of State and of a select committee thereon, be referred to Mr. Fisk, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Swart, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Lemuel J. Alston; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill in farther addition to an act, entitled "An act to amend the Judicial system of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on an engrossed bill concerning public contracts; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said amendments: Whereupon,

The first amendment being twice read, to strike out the proviso in the first section of the bill, containing the words following, to wit: "*Provided*, That this restriction shall not be construed to extend to the purchase, where immediate delivery is had, and immediate payment is made of any property, which, at the time of such purchase, was *bona fide* the property of, and belonging to, any such member, or members, in his, or their right, or as assignee in law, or fact, not purchased or procured in consequence of any previous arrangement with, or promise from, any public officer, or any agent of such public officer.

And on the question that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ... 19,
Nays ... 73.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, jun.
Joseph Calhoun,
Richard Cutts,
William Ely,
Francis Gardiner,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
James Holland,

James Kelly,
John Lambert,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
John Montgomery,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Isaac Wilbour.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Josiah Desae,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durrell,
James Elliot,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Peterson Goodwyn,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
Nehemiah Knight,

Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

The other amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House, being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Blackledge, and seconded, farther to amend the said bill by striking out the following words in the first section, to wit: "and every such contract, bargain, or agreement, shall be deemed and taken to be absolutely void, and of no effect, whether such contract, bargain, or agreement be openly or covertly, in the whole, or in part, for the use of any such member, as aforesaid."

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented a petition of George Hunter, of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, a Contractor with the Department of War, to purify and furnish salt petre, at the arsenal of the United States, near the river Schuylkill, praying that he may be allowed in the settlement of his account, for a certain quantity of that article which was consumed by fire, together with the dwelling house of the petitioner, some time in the month of November, one thousand eight hundred and six.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Randolph, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of October last, as relates to enterprises against the public peace, and the means of preventing the same, and punishing the authors, presented, according to order, a bill to punish conspiracies to commit treason against the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dana presented a petition of Adam Stanton and John Stanton, of the town of Killingworth, and State of Connecticut, praying that they may receive the bounty heretofore allowed by law on vessels employed in the cod and whale fisheries of the United States, in the case of the sloop called "The Viper," belonging to the petitioners, which was accidentally cast away and lost on the outward bound passage, on the coast of Nova Scotia, some time in the month of May last.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the sale of public arms; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trigg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight;" and another, entitled "An act to allow the importation of old copper, saltpetre, and sulphur, free of duty;" also, an enrolled resolution "to authorize the disposition of certain charts of the coast of North Carolina;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills and resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1808.

Ordered, That Mr. Van Dyke have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for ten days, from Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report on the petition of Gassaway Watkins, of the State of Maryland, referred to him by order of the House, of the twenty-fourth ultimo; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending to the Revenue Districts on lake Erie, and within the State of Ohio, the provisions of an act, entitled "An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to State Judges and State Courts;" and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the first instant, the bill to continue in force "An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to State Judges and State Courts," be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said bill be committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Cook, from the committee appointed, the twenty-ninth of October last, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of the same month, as relates to our intercourse with the Indian tribes, presented, according to order, a bill for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

An engrossed bill in farther addition to an act, entitled "An act to amend the Judicial System of the United States," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act in farther addition to an act, entitled 'An act to amend the Judicial System of the United States.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill concerning public contracts was read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 65,
Nays 44.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
Nehemiah Knight,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,

Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of Pennsylvania,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horn,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbourn,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Joseph Barker,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, junior,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,

John Lambert,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Matthias Richards,
John Rowan,
James Sloan,
Jedediah K. Smith,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act concerning public contracts."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed by the Senate to communicate to this House certain resolutions of the General Assembly of the State of Kentucky, expressive of their confidence in the present Administration of the Government of the United States, and of their determination to support such measures as may be adopted to vindicate the National honor and safety against the belligerent Powers of Europe."

The said resolutions were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on an amendatory bill concerning Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storer reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4, 1808.

The Speaker being indisposed, and unable to attend,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 1808.

The Speaker being indisposed, and unable to attend,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 7, 1808.

Mr. Porter presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the City of Philadelphia, in State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the petitioners, their heirs and assigns, may have the privilege of renewing the patents granted to them, respectively, as discoverers or improvers of useful arts within the United States, for such farther term as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom were referred, on the twenty-ninth of December, and the nineteenth and thirtieth of January last, the several memorials and petitions of the Wyandot nation of Indians, and of the inhabitants of the Territory of Michigan, presented, according to order, a bill supplemental to "An act regulating the grants of land in the Territory of Michigan;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report on the petition of George Hunter, of the City of Philadelphia, referred to him by order of the House, on the second instant; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled "An to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks, and to authorize the laying out certain public roads, and for other purposes," passed the twenty-first day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and six; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Deane presented a petition of Edmund Briggs, of the county of Bristol, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that he may receive the bounty heretofore allowed by law on vessels employed in the cod and whale fisheries of the United States, in the case of the schooner Phebe, the property of the petitioner; the benefit of which bounty has been refused by the Collector of the port of Dighton, in the said State, for reasons which, in the opinion of the petitioner, are not sufficient to justify his conduct in withholding the same.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Bacon from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the third instant, present to the President of the United States, two enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States;" and another, entitled "An act to allow the importation of old copper, sulphur, and salt petre, free of duty;" also, an enrolled resolve "to authorize the disposition of certain charts of the coast of North Carolina."

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the third instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight;" also, that the President did, on the fourth instant, approve and sign "An act to allow the importation of old copper, salt petre, and sulphur, free of duty;" and a resolve "to authorize the disposition of certain charts of the coast of North Carolina."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was also received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

'In the city of New Orleans, and adjacent to it, are sundry parcels of ground, some of them with buildings and other improvements on them, which it is my duty to present to the attention of the Legislature. The title to these grounds appears to have been retained in the former sovereigns of the province of Louisiana, as public fiduciaries, and for the purposes of the province. Some of them were used for the residence of the Governor, for public offices, hospitals, barracks, magazines, fortifications, levees, &c. others for the town house, schools, markets, landings, and other purposes of the city of New Orleans: some were held by religious corporations, or persons; others seem to have been reserved for future disposition. To these must be added a parcel called the Batture, which requires more particular description. It is understood to have been a shoal or elevation of the bottom of the river, adjacent to the bank of the suburbs of St. Mary, produced by the successive depositions of mud during the annual inundations of the river, and covered with water only during those inundations. At all other seasons it has been used by the city, immemorially to furnish earth for raising their streets and court yards, for mortar, and other necessary purposes, and as a landing

or quay for unloading fire wood, lumber, and other articles, brought by water. This having been lately claimed by a private individual, the city opposed the claim on a supposed legal title in itself: but it has been adjudged that the legal title was not in the city. It is however alleged that that title, originally in the former sovereigns, was never parted with by them, but was retained in them for the uses of the city and province, and consequently has now passed over to the United States. Until this question can be decided under legislative authority, measures have been taken, according to law, to prevent any change in the state of things, and to keep the grounds clear of intruders. The settlement of this title, the appropriation of the grounds and improvements formerly occupied for provincial purposes to the same or such other objects as may be better suited to present circumstances; the confirmation of the uses in other parcels to such bodies, corporate or private, as may of right, or on other reasonable considerations, expect them, are matters now submitted to the determination of the Legislature.

The papers and plans now transmitted, will give them such information on the subject as I possess, and, being mostly originals, I must request that they may be communicated from the one to the other House to answer the purposes of both.

TH. JEFFERSON.

MARCH 7, 1808.

The said message was read, and, together with the papers accompanying the same, ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was committed, on the fifteenth ultimo, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for erecting a light house, and placing buoys at the places therein mentioned," reported several amendments thereto; which were read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Eppes presented a petition of Littleberry Mosby, junior, of the county of Powhatan, and State of Virginia, praying compensation for money advanced to the officers and soldiers of the second Virginia regiment, on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the twenty-second ultimo, a petition of Daniel Cotton, of the State of New York, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Joseph Clay, from the committee appointed on the seventeenth of November last, presented, according to order, a bill for the encouragement of learning, and for the promotion of the useful arts; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Desha presented a petition of John Smith, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of a wound received whilst a private in Captain Jacob Slough's company of the fourth sub-legion of the United States, in an action against the hostile Indians, on the twentieth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, which has rendered the petitioner incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

The said petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Montgomery, and State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Zanesville, in the said State, by Franklinton, Springfield, Ludlow, Dayton, New Lexington, and Eaton, to Vincennes, in the Indiana Territory; also, that a new road may be opened through the Indiana Territory, from the point at which the present route intersects the State line, due West from Dayton to Vincennes, aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

On motion of Mr. Clopton, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of continuing in force, for a farther time, "An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction;" and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

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Marmaduke Williams.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act ~~in~~ farther addition to an act, entitled 'An act to amend the judicial system of the United States,' without amendment ; also, the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Church in the City of Washington ;" and the bill, entitled "An act for procuring an additional number of arms," with amendments to the two last mentioned bills, respectively ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act establishing Circuit Courts ; and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill authorizing the sale of public arms, which was amended, and ordered to lie on the table, on the second instant : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, farther to amend the said bill, by adding to the end thereof, a proviso, in the words following, to wit : "*Provided also*, That this provision shall not extend to any purchase made by a State to which the United States, by existing engagements, are bound to pay a sum of money equal to the amount of such purchase :"

And the said amendment being read at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, farther to amend the said proviso, by striking out the words "by existing engagements are bound to pay," for the purpose of inserting the words "may at the time of such sale be indebted in ;" and by adding to the end thereof, the words "and which has then become payable :"

And on the question that the House do agree to the said proposed amendment to the amendment,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Taylor, of South Carolina, that the House do reconsider their vote, so far as relates to the said amendment to the proviso under consideration :

And on the question for reconsideration,

It was resolved in the affirmative : Whereupon,

A division of the question on the said amendment to the proviso, was called for by Mr. Bibb, and seconded,

And on the question that the House do agree to so much thereof as proposes to strike out the words before recited,

It passed in the negative.

And so the said amendment to the proviso was rejected.

And then the main question being taken that the House do agree to the said proviso, as originally proposed by Mr. Bibb :

Provided also, That this provision shall not extend to any purchase made by a State to which the United States, by existing engagements, are bound to pay a sum of money equal to the amount of such purchase :

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, transmitting an additional report in relation to the invalid pensioners of the United States, which were read, and, together with sundry documents accompanying the same, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1808.

Another member, to wit: from Virginia, John Claiborne, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of sundry vessel owners and shippers in the district of Great Egg Harbor, and State of New Jersey, whose names are thereunto subscribed; praying that three buoys may be placed at the entrance and in the windings of the channel of Great Egg Harbor inlet, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and others navigating the said inlet.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of John M. Moody, of Lincoln county, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that he may receive the bounty allowed by law on vessels employed in the cod and whale fisheries of the United States, in the case of the schooner *Welcome Return*, the benefit of which bounty has been refused by the collector of the port of Bath, in the said State, for reasons, which, in the opinion of the petitioner, are not sufficient to justify the same.

Mr. Wilbour presented a petition of John Earle, junior, and William M. Alston, of Newport; of Franklin Greene, of Warwick; of Joseph Child, of Portsmouth; and of Joseph Cahoon, of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island; stating that the collector of the said port of Newport, in consequence of a decision of the Comptroller of the Treasury, upon the construction of an act passed the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and seven, has withheld from them thirty-three and one-third per centum of the bounty allowed by law to vessels employed in the cod and whale fisheries of the United States, in the cases of sundry vessels, the property of the petitioners and others; and praying that the said collector may be directed to pay to them the proportion of the bounty so retained.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Ordered, That Mr. Goldsborough have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for ten days, from yesterday; and Mr. Sturges, for the remainder of the session, from to-day.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Jacob Baugh, of Loudoun county, in the State of Virginia, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the provisions of the act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt within the District of Columbia, may be extended to him, in order that he may be discharged from the prison of the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, where he is now confined at the suit of a certain Thomas Janney, of the said county of Alexandria.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. John Montgomery, from the committee appointed, on the nineteenth ultimo, on the message from the President of the United States, communicating an additional report of the proceedings of the commissioners appointed to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to the State of Ohio, presented, according to order, a bill, in addition to the "Act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to the State of Ohio;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Van Horne, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider a resolution proposed by him on the first instant, and the same being read at the Clerk's table, was ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Desha,

Ordered, That the petition of John Smith, presented on the seventh instant, be referred to the committee appointed, on the fifth of November last, to inquire what compensation should be allowed for issuing commissions to take testimony relative to claims

under the act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war.

On motion of Mr. Porter,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry patentees, residing in the City of Philadelphia, presented on the seventh instant, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the encouragement of learning, and for the promotion of the useful arts.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a petition of Chloe Strong, of the State of Ohio, widow of David Strong, deceased, late a colonel in the service of the United States, praying relief in consequence of her indigent circumstances, and in consideration of services rendered and losses and injuries sustained by the deceased, while an officer in the army of the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Ilsey presented a petition of Thomas Burnham and Charles Rogers, of Portland, in the District of Maine, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that they may receive the bounty allowed by law on vessels employed in the cod and whale fisheries of the United States, in the case of the sloop *Cyrus*, the property of the petitioners, which said bounty has been withheld by the collector of the port of Portland aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

An engrossed bill concerning Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry was read the third time,

When a motion was made by Mr. Bassett, and seconded, that the said bill be re-committed to a Committee of the Whole House ;

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the said bill be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act remitting the duties payable on the importation of a monument to be erected in memory of the officers of the United States' Navy who fell during the attack made on the City of Tripoli, in the year one thousand eight hundred and four," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House ; also, the bill, entitled " An act in addition to the act, entitled ' An act supplementary to the act, entitled ' An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill authorizing the sale of public arms was read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 86,
Nays 21.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Joseph Clay,
George Clinton, jun.
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
John Dawson,

Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Daniel Ilsey,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,

Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,

John Russell,
Ebenezer Scaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horne,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,

John Heister,
Nathaniel Macon,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
James Sloan,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
David R. Williams.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act authorizing the sale of public arms."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States.' Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and eighth, of the said amendments, and doth also agree to the seventh of the said amendments, with amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for procuring an additional number of arms." Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act remitting the duties payable on the importation of a monument to be erected in memory of the officers of the United States' Navy who fell during the attack made on the City of Tripoli, in the year one thousand eight hundred and four."

A motion was made by Mr. Nicholas, and seconded, that the said bill and amendment do lie on the table;

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The question was then taken that the House do agree with the Senate in their amendment to the said bill,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 48,
 { Nays 59.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Burwell Bassett,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
John Harris,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Ilsley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, junior,

Edward St. Loe Livermore,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horne,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Marmaduke Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,

Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Allen,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Wynn,
James Witherell.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act establishing Circuit Courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of the Districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be referred to Mr. George Washington Campbell, Mr. John G. Jackson, and Mr. Holland.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the trustees of the Baptist church in the city of Washington :"

Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill, together with the amendment of the Senate, be committed to Mr. Southard, Mr. Bard, Mr. Bassett, Mr. Barker, and Mr. Culpeper.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 1808.

Mr. David R. Williams, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit : "An act for the relief of Edward Weld, Samuel Beebe, and John Davidson ;" "An act for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds in certain cases, and for other purposes ;" "An act in farther addition to an act entitled 'An act to amend the judicial system of the United States ;' and "An act for procuring an additional number of arms, and for the purchase of salt petre and sulphur ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Van Horn presented a petition of Benjamin Stoddert and John Mason, trustees of Francis Lewis Taney, formerly a merchant of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, praying that they may receive the amount of a certain claim founded on a commercial transaction entered into by the said Francis Lewis Taney, with the Government of France, which, as the petitioners suggest, has been illegally transferred to Joseph Sands, of New York, and by him to James Swan, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

Mr. Clifton presented a petition of Robert Poore, of the city of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, praying compensation for the value of a horse, the property of the petitioner, which died in consequence of fatigue, on an expedition to Norfolk, in the said State, under the authority of the Government of the United States, some time in the month of July, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Mr. Masters presented a petition of John Ball, of the State of New York, praying that he may receive the commutation of half pay, and other emoluments allowed to officers of his rank in the Continental army, in consideration of services rendered as a lieutenant in the New York line, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Robert Dunbar, a citizen of the Mississippi Territory of the United States, praying that the title, in fee simple, to a certain tract of land lying on the river Bayou Pierre, in the said Territory, may be granted to the petitioner, by the Government of the United States, for the reasons therein specified.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House, to whom is committed the bill authorizing the sale of the lands of the United States, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Sloan, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was yesterday referred a petition of sundry owners and masters of vessels residing within the District of Great Egg Harbor, in the State of New Jersey, be discharged from the consideration thereof ; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed a bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for erecting a light-house, and placing buoys at the places therein mentioned."

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth of January last, the petition of Samuel Miller, of Wiscasset, in the District of Maine and State of Massachusetts, in behalf of himself and others, made a report thereon ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was committed on the twenty-ninth ultimo, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act granting William Wells the right of pre-emption," reported several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Durell, from the committee appointed, on the second ultimo, "to inquire into the manner in which the Representatives' Hall is heated by furnaces beneath the flooring of the same; what probable influence such subjacent fires have upon the health of the members exposed to their exhalations, and how, or by what means the injurious effects of the same may, in future, be avoided," made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on an engrossed bill concerning Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storer reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

A motion was then made by Mr. Durell, and seconded, that the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill, and the same being severally twice read, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, farther to amend the said bill, by adding to the end of the first section, a proviso, in the words following, to wit:

"*Provided always*, That no summons shall issue, unless some specific charge shall be made in writing, supported by affidavit, of an offence, of which, if the person accused should be afterwards convicted on trial before a Court Martial, such person would be liable to punishment, pain, or penalty, by virtue of, and in pursuance of the act, entitled 'An act for establishing rules and articles for the government of the armies of the United States,' made and passed the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, and of which the trial and punishment is not barred by the eighty-eighth article of the said act, or of any offence committed in the navy of the United States cognizable by a Court Martial."

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 22,
 { Nays 89.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Culpeper,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,

Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Rowan,
John Russell,
William Stedman,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,

George W. Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,

John Heister,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphrey,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 Edward Lloyd,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 William McCreery,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,

John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Sonthard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 Peter Swart,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell.

The said bill was farther amended at the Clerk's table.

A motion was then made by Mr. Lloyd, and seconded, that the said bill, as amended, do lie on the table ;

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be again engrossed, and read the third time on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the second section of an act passed on the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, entitled "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war," as requires that the claimant shall make affidavit that he is not on the pension list of any State; and that the said committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Nelson, Mr. Randolph, and Mr. Livermore, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 1808.

Mr. David R. Williams, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the ninth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit: "An act for the relief of Edward Weld, Samuel Beebee, and John Davidson;" "An act in farther addition to an act, entitled 'An act to amend the Judicial System of the United States;'" "An act for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds in certain cases, and for other purposes;" and "An act for procuring an additional number of arms, and for the purchase of salt petre and sulphur."

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act granting William Wells the right of pre-emption," together with the amendments agreed to yesterday, was read the third time; And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded,

That the House do now, according to the order of the day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Dawson, and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration of the bill last mentioned :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate agree to the amendments proposed by this House, to the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States.'" The Senate recede from their amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act remitting the duties payable on the importation of a monument to be erected in memory of the officers of the United States' Navy who fell during the attack made on the city of Tripoli, in the year one thousand eight hundred and four." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force ;" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Philip Turner ;" to which bills, respectively, they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the committee appointed, on the twenty-ninth of October last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments.

Mr. John Montgomery presented a memorial of the Surgeons in the Navy of the United States, signed by E. Cutbush, and others, a committee appointed on their behalf, praying an augmentation of the present compensation granted them by law ; and that the allowance to Surgeons' Mates may be increased in a due proportion.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed on the twentieth ultimo, to whom was referred a petition of the Officers of the Navy of the United States.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Philip Turner," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanied with a supplementary report and sundry documents in relation to invalid pensioners of the United States ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for procuring a formidable train of field artillery for the service of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Willis Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trigg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a motion made by Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, on the fourteenth of January last, relative to a loan of a certain number of arms and field artillery, to the State of Ohio, for a term of years therein mentioned; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said motion under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the first, and their disagreement to the second resolution contained therein; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, as follow:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to loan to the State of Ohio, for the term of seven years, seven thousand stand of arms, for the purpose of arming, in part, the militia of the said State, under such restrictions and regulations, as to safe-keeping and re-delivery, as the President may prescribe.

Resolved, That the President of the United States be authorized to loan to the State of Ohio, for the term of seven years, twenty pieces of field artillery, with carriages complete, for the use of the artillery companies of militia in the said State, under such regulations and restrictions, as to safe-keeping and re-delivery, as the President may prescribe.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolutions at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

The first resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The second resolution, to which the Committee of the Whole House reported their disagreement, being again read,

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House, in their disagreement to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the first resolution; and that Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, Mr. Claiborne, and Mr. Lyon, do prepare and bring in the same.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of George Hunter; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and, together with sundry accompanying documents, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. John Montgomery, from the committee appointed on the twenty-second ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill making compensation to Captain Zebulon M. Pike, and his companions; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads, be discharged from the consideration of such petitions and resolutions of the House, relative to the establishment or discontinuance of post roads which have been presented or agreed to since the first day of February last, and referred to the said Committee of the Whole House; and that the said petitions and resolutions be referred to Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, Mr. Southard, Mr. Kenan, Mr. Verplanck, Mr. Green, Mr. Carlton, Mr. Chittenden, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Knight, Mr. Whitehill, Mr. Trigg, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Lemuel J. Alston, Mr. Cobb, Mr. Van Horn, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and Mr. Howard.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Clay, and seconded,

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred a resolution to inquire into the expediency of repealing a part of the second section of the act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war, passed the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, be directed to inquire into the propriety of amending the several laws respecting military pensions; and that they be authorized to report by bill, or otherwise.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for erecting a light house, and placing buoys at the places therein mentioned;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storer reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several

amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the sale of the lands of the United States, and for other purposes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1808.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House,

Mr. Lewis, from the committee appointed on the twelfth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Richard Bland Lee ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Livermore, of Massachusetts, have leave to be absent from the service of this House from Monday next, and Mr. Jackson, of Virginia, after to-morrow, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Mumford presented a memorial of sundry merchants of the City and State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that the memorialists may be permitted to export a quantity of flaxseed to Ireland, from the port of New York, which was purchased by them previous to the late act of Congress, "laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States."

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred, on the eleventh of January last, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the memorial of William Haslet and others, merchants and traders of the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. Southard, from the committee to whom were referred, on the eighth instant, the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Church, in the City of Washington," made a report thereon, which was read, and, together with the said bill and amendments, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Clopton, from the committee appointed on the seventh instant, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force, for a farther time, an act, entitled "An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills : one, entitled "An act remitting the duties payable on the importation of a monument to be erected in memory of the Officers of the United States' Navy who fell during the attack made on the city of Tripoli, in the year one thousand eight hundred and four ;" and another, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States ;' and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Kelly presented a petition of Thomas Campbell, a Captain in the fourth Pennsylvania regiment of the Continental Army, praying relief in consideration of wounds received in the service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Bri-

tain, whilst acting in the capacity aforesaid, which have rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the ninth instant, to inquire into the expediency of repealing a part of the second section of an act passed on the tenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, entitled "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war," and who were instructed by a resolution of this House of the tenth instant, to inquire into the expediency of amending the several acts relating to military pensions.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed on so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of October last, as relates to the Military and Naval Establishments, to whom was yesterday committed, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the raising an additional military force," reported an amendment thereto; which was read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants was read the third time.

Resolved, That that the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for erecting a light-house, and placing buoys at the places therein mentioned," together with the amendments agreed to yesterday, was read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for erecting a light-house on the South Point of the Island of Sapelo, and for placing buoys and beacons in the shoals of the inlet leading to the town of Darien, and near the entrance of Ipswich harbor, near Plymouth harbor, before the harbor of Nantucket, and on the Island of Tuckanuck, at or near the entrance of Connecticut river, and near the entrance of Great Egg Harbor river."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill authorizing the sale of the lands of the United States was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act concerning the sale of the lands of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act granting William Wells the right of pre-emption." And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill concerning Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry was read the third time.

The question was stated from the Chair that the same do pass:

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded,

Ordered, That Mr. Carlton be excused from serving on the committee appointed on the tenth instant, to whom were referred, sundry petitions and memorials presented, and resolutions agreed to by the House, since the first of February last, relative to the establishment and discontinuance of post roads within the United States; and that Mr. Jedediah K. Smith be appointed of the said committee in his stead.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the committee appointed on the tenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing a loan of arms to the State of Ohio; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the question depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, upon the passage of the engrossed bill concerning Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry, and the same being again stated from the Chair, to wit: "Shall the bill pass?"

And after debate thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, to recommit the same to a Committee of the Whole House,

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The main question was then taken that the said bill do pass:

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 61,
 { Nays 52.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Illey,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,

John Lambert,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Joseph Clay,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, jr.
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,

John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,

Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loc Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,

John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn.
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act concerning Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY. MARCH 14, 1808.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the eleventh instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States;'" and another, entitled "An act remitting the duties payable on the importation of a monument to be erected in memory of the officers of the United States' Navy who fell during the attack made on the city of Tripoli, in the year one thousand eight hundred and four."

The Speaker presented to the House a petition of sundry inhabitants of Pendleton District, in the State of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post office may be continued at Reidsville, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the said District and State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed on the tenth instant, to whom were referred such petitions and resolutions of the House, relative to the establishment and discontinuance of post roads, as have been presented, or agreed to by the House, since the first day of February last.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with an account of the receipts and expenditures of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and six, prepared in pursuance of a standing order of the House, of the thirtieth day of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Ordered, That Mr. John Montgomery have leave to be absent from the service of this House for ten days.

Mr. Van Horn presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, in the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that so much of an act of Congress, passed the third of May, one thousand eight hundred and two, as directs that no writ of *capias ad satisfaciendum* shall issue within the said District, in any case where the sum does not exceed twenty dollars, may be repealed, for the reasons therein specified.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Standing Committee for the District of Columbia, appointed on the twenty-seventh of January last.

On motion of Mr. Macon, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing an additional discount to purchasers of the public lands for prompt payment; and that they report by bill, or otherwise:

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the said proposed resolution do lie on the table:

And the question being put thereupon,
It passed in the negative.

The House then proceeded to consider the said resolution at the Clerk's table, and the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented a memorial of John Harrison, of the city of Philadelphia, praying that such duties may be imposed, by law, on oil of vitriol, aqua fortis, marine acid, or spirit of sea salt, and Roman vitriol, imported from foreign countries, as may tend to the encouragement of the manufacture of those articles within the United States.

The said memorial was read, and, together with sundry documents, accompanying the same, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate agree to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for erecting a light-house, and placing buoys at the places therein mentioned." And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the ninth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act in farther addition to an act, entitled 'An act to amend the Judicial System of the United States ;' on the tenth instant, "An act for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes ;" on the eleventh instant, two acts : one, entitled "An act for procuring an additional number of arms, and for the purchase of saltpetre and sulphur ;" and another, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward Weld, Samuel Beebe, and John Davidson ;" on the twelfth instant, "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States ;' and on the thirteenth instant, "An act remitting the duties payable on the importation of a monument to be erected to the memory of the officers of the United States' Navy who fell during the attack made on the city of Tripoli, in the year one thousand eight hundred and four ;" which also originated in this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to communicate to this House the despatches addressed to this Government by the American Minister at Paris, touching the proceedings of the French Government, relative to neutral commerce, which have been received since the despatches of that Minister, which were communicated to Congress by message on the nineteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven :

And on the question that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 44,
 { Nays 66.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Boyle,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Benjamin Howard,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loë Livermore,

John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,

Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Talbudge,
Jabez Upham,

Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Cathoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Daniel Hsley,

Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

On a motion made by Mr. Gardner, and seconded, that the House do now, according to the order of the day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill farther to prolong the continuance of the mint at Philadelphia :

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the said order of the day be postponed until Monday next :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the consideration of the report of the Committee of the Whole House on the said bill be postponed until to-morrow :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House ; and the same being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment reported on the eleventh instant, by the committee to whom was referred the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force : " Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill and amendment be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 1808.

Mr. Clark presented a petition, in the French language, from a committee appointed by, and on behalf of, sundry proprietors of lands in the Territory of Louisiana, praying that Congress would modify the law respecting claims to land in that Territory, as that the agent for the United States shall be obliged to produce proof of fraudulent and antedated titles before the Board of Commissioners, instead of the inhabitants being obliged to prove their authority.

The said petition was received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-third of December last, the bill to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church in the town of Alexandria, be discharged from the consideration of the same.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act granting William Wells the right of pre-emption:" and another, entitled "An act for erecting a light house on the South point of the island Sapelo, and for placing buoys and beacons in the shoals of the inlet leading to the town of Darien, and near the entrance of Ipswich harbor, near Plymouth harbor, before the harbor of Nantucket, and on the island of Tuckanuck, at or near the entrance of Connecticut river, and near the entrance of Great Egg Harbor;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jacob Richards reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

The question was then stated from the chair, that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16, 1808.

Ordered, That Mr. Holland have leave to be absent from the service of this House from Monday next; and Mr. Swart, from Monday, the twenty-eighth instant, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth of January last, the petition of Alexander Bell, of the State of Virginia, made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a letter to him from the Comptroller of the Treasury, and an abstract of the official emoluments and expenditures of the officers of the customs, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seven; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the propriety of changing the post route from Alexandria to Dumfries, so as to pass through the town of Occoquan, instead of Colchester; and that leave be given to report by bill, or otherwise:

The House proceeded to consider the said proposed resolution at the Clerk's table ;
And on the question that the House do agree to the same,
It passed in the negative.

Mr. Key presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that such acts or parts of acts heretofore passed by Congress, as prohibit the removal of slaves from one of the counties composing the said District to the other, may be repealed.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the hour to which this House shall adjourn daily, unless otherwise ordered, shall be ten o'clock in the forenoon :

And the said proposed resolution being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the entry of any vessel in the United States, from any port or place to which a vessel of the United States is not admitted by a permanent regulation of the country owning such port or place, or by treaty.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Montgomery county, in the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that such modification or amendments to the laws authorizing the sale of public lands, may be adopted as to enable the petitioners to make payments for the purchase of their several tracts of land, without the inconveniences to which they will otherwise be subjected.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Howard, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims to whom was referred, on the twenty-fifth of January last, the petition of John Robert Shaw, be discharged from the consideration thereof ; and that the said petition be referred to the committee appointed, on the ninth instant, to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the second section of " An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received during the Revolutionary war," as requires that the claimant shall make affidavit that he is not on the pension list of any State.

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Clay, and seconded, that the House do reconsider their vote on a resolution proposed this day by Mr. Smilie, relative to the hour to which the House shall daily adjourn :

And on the question for reconsideration,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the said resolution do lie on the table :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Stanford, and the question being put, that the further consideration of the same be postponed until Monday next :

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that the farther consideration thereof, be postponed until Saturday next :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Blount, and seconded, to amend the said proposed resolution, by striking out the word " ten," next preceding the words " o'clock in the forenoon," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the word eight :

Whereupon,

A division of the question on the said motion was called for,

And on the question for striking out the word " ten,"

It passed in the negative.

And so the said amendment was rejected.

The said resolution as originally proposed, and herein before recited, being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Desha, and seconded,

Resolved, That the select committee to whom were referred, the petitions and resolutions relative to post offices and post roads, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the mouth of Big Sandy, by Greenup Court House, and Lewis Court House, to Washington, in Kentucky.

An engrossed bill farther to prolong the continuance of the Mint at Philadelphia, was read the third time :

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative,

{ Yeas	83,
{ Nays	19.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 George W. Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Claiborne,
 Joseph Clay,
 George Clinton, jun.
 Howell Cobb,
 Orchard Cook,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Josiah Deane,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 James Fisk,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Thomas Kenan,

Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Marion,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rca, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Scaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Thomas Blount,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Richard M. Johnson,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
John Love.

Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
John Rowan,
Dennis Smelt,
Abram Trigg,
Archibald Van Horn,
Jesse Wharton.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act farther to prolong the continuance of the Mint at Philadelphia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the petition of Thomas Burnham and Charles Rogers, of the State of Massachusetts, referred to him by order of the House, on the eighth instant ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of Robert Baird, of the State of Kentucky, praying relief in consideration of services rendered, and personal injuries sustained, whilst a Lieutenant in a detachment of troops employed on a secret expedition against the hostile Indians, by order of Major General Wayne, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A motion was then made by Mr. Lyon, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That, in considering the petition of Robert Baird, the Committee of Claims be, and they are, instructed to view it as if no act of limitation operated against granting the prayer thereof, and report accordingly :

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire whether the sums in which the collectors of the customs are severally bound to the United States, ought not to be increased.

The House resumed the consideration of the question depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, that the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed the bill to alter and establish certain post roads, have leave to sit again on the same :

Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Willis Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 1808.

On motion of Mr. McCreery, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reviving an act, passed on the seventeenth of March, one thousand eight hundred, which expired on the third instant, declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia.

Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the committee to whom was committed, on the eighth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act establishing Circuit Courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio,'" reported several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Goodwyn, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Hick's Ford, in the State of Virginia, by Lawrence Smith's store, to Murfreesborough, in North Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That the committee appointed on the tenth instant, to whom were referred such petitions and resolutions of the House as have been presented or agreed to since the first day of February last, be discharged from the farther consideration of a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Ocoquan, in the State of Virginia, presented on the twentieth of the last mentioned month.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Alexandria, in

the Territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying a revision and amendment of such acts or parts of acts, passed by Congress, for the government of the said Territory, as relate to promissory notes, given as securities for the payment of money, and to insolvent debtors, within the same, for the reasons therein specified.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That the committee appointed, on the tenth instant, relative to the establishment or discontinuance of post roads, be discharged from the consideration of a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Newbern, in the State of North Carolina, presented on the twentieth of February last, and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, and seconded, that the House do now proceed to consider the bill to incorporate the Protestant Episcopal Church, in the town of Alexandria, from which the Committee of the Whole House to whom it had been committed, was discharged on the fifteenth instant :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

On a motion made by Mr. Dawson, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed, on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to consider and report what farther business is necessary to be done during the present session, and at what time it will be proper for Congress to adjourn :

The House proceeded to consider the said proposed resolution : Whereupon,

A motion was made, by Mr. Van Horn, and seconded, to amend the same, by striking out the words, " what farther business is necessary to be done, during the present session, and:"

And on the question that the House do agree to the said amendment,

It was passed in the affirmative.

The said proposed resolution, as amended, was then read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I have heretofore communicated to Congress the decrees of the Government of France, of November twenty-first, one thousand eight hundred and six, and of Spain, of February nineteenth, one thousand eight hundred and seven, with the orders of the British Government, of January and November, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

I now transmit a decree of the Emperor of France, of December seventeenth, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and a similar decree of the third of January last, by his Catholic Majesty. Although the decree of France has not been received by official communication, yet the different channels of promulgation through which the public are possessed of it, with the formal testimony furnished by the Government of Spain, in their decree, leave us without a doubt that such a one has been issued. These decrees and orders, taken together, want little of amounting to a declaration that every neutral vessel found on the high seas, whatsoever be her cargo, and whatsoever foreign port be that of her departure or destination, shall be deemed lawful prize ; and they prove, more and more, the expediency of retaining our vessels, our seamen, and property, within our own harbors, until the dangers to which they are exposed can be removed or lessened.

TH. JEFFERSON.

MARCH 17, 1808.

The said message, and the papers transmitted therewith, were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. John Morrow, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Pughtown, in Frederick county, Virginia, by the way of Beargarden, the Forks of Big Capeon, and Higgins's, at Little Capeon, to Springfield, in Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Matthew Clay, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That on each day, for the remainder of the session, precisely at twelve o'clock, there be a call of the House:

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Holmes and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the sixteenth ultimo, the petition of Robert S. Burrough, and Stephen Hopkins, of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petition be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, during the present session, the several memorials and petitions of John Berry, George Douglas, John Elliot, Jonas Farnsworth, James Philips, Jonathan Snowden, and Charles M. Thruston, in behalf of himself and others, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said memorials and petitions be referred to the committee appointed, on the ninth instant, "to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the second section of 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war,'" as requires that the claimant shall make affidavit that he is not on the pension list of any State.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, and seconded,

Ordered, That Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Witherell, Mr. Kirkpatrick, and Mr. Calhoun, be added to the select committee last mentioned.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force," being called for,

On motion of Mr. Helms, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration thereof, and that the said bill be recommitted to the committee appointed, on the twenty-ninth of October last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of the same month, as relates to the military and naval establishments.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendatory report made by the Committee of Elections, on the twenty-fourth ultimo, relative to the contested election of Philip B. Key, one of the members returned to serve in this House, for the State of Maryland; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill concerning invalid pensioners; which was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act granting William Wells the right of pre-emption;" and another, entitled "An act for erecting a light-house on the South point of the island of Sapelo, and for placing buoys and beacons in the shoals of the inlet leading to the town of Darien, and near the entrance of Ipswich harbor, near Plymouth harbor, before the harbor of Nantucket, and on the island of Tuckanuck, at or near the entrance of Connecticut river, and near the entrance of Great Egg Harbor river."

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1808.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-ninth of October last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments, to whom was, yesterday, recommitted the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force," reported several amendments thereto; which were read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. John Smith presented a petition of Cornelius Baldwin, of the borough of Winchester, in the State of Virginia, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for

services, as a senior surgeon in the hospital department, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made by Mr. Livermore, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the public good requires that the several laws laying an embargo on all ships and vessels of the United States should be repealed ; and that a committee be appointed to bring in a bill for that purpose ; and that said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of permitting the merchant vessels of the United States to arm for their defence against certain cruisers, and of associating for the purpose of convoy ; and to inquire into the expediency of suspending commercial intercourse with France, and the nations under the control of the Emperor of the French ; and to report by bill, or otherwise :

The question was taken that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 24,
 { Nays 84.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Ezekiel Bacon,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
William Hoge,
Philip B. Key,

Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Russell,
William Stedman,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,

William Helms,
James Holland,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
William M^cCreery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,

James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,

George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill to change the boundaries of the land districts in the Territory of Indiana; and to continue, for a farther time, the authority of the Commissioners of Kaskaskia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A bill concerning invalid pensioners, which was received yesterday and ordered to lie on the table, was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the army of the United States; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Nelson, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Howard, Mr. Trigg, and Mr. Deane, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

The scale on which the Military Academy, at West Point, was originally established, is become too limited to furnish the number of well instructed subjects in the different branches of artillery and engineering which the public service calls for. The want of such characters is already sensibly felt, and will be increased with the enlargement of our plans of military preparation. The chief engineer having been instructed to consider the subject, and to propose an augmentation which might render the establishment commensurate with the present circumstances of our country, has made the report which I now transmit for the consideration of Congress.

The idea suggested by him of removing the institution to this place, is also worthy of attention. Besides the advantage of placing it under the immediate eye of the Government, it may render its benefits common to the Naval Department, and will furnish opportunities of selecting, on better information, the characters most qualified to fulfil the duties which the public service may call for.

TH. JEFFERSON

MARCH 18, 1808.

The said message, and documents transmitted therewith, were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Troup, Mr. Desha, Mr. Upham, and Mr. Milnor.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the propriety of admitting ships or vessels, not registered as vessels of the United States, to unlade within the district of Middletown, in the State of Connecticut; and, also, of admitting ships or vessels arriving from the Cape of Good Hope, or any place beyond the same, to make entry at the port of Middletown; and to report by bill, or otherwise.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to discharge Francis Baretto from his imprisonment; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded, that the said bill be committed to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that the House do reconsider their vote on the question to commit the bill to a Committee of the Whole House :

And on the question for reconsideration,

It passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Smilie, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitteed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Isaac Briggs ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled " An act to amend the act, entitled ' An act establishing Circuit Courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio,' together with the amendments agreed thereto yesterday, was read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the President did, on the seventeenth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled " An act for erecting a light house on the South point of Sapelo, and for placing buoys and beacons in the shoals of the inlet leading to the town of Darien, and near the entrance of Ipswich harbor, near Plymouth harbor, before the harbor of Nantucket, and on the island of Tuckanuck, at or near the entrance of Connecticut river, and near the entrance of Great Egg Harbor river ;" also, that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, entitled " An act granting William Wells the right of pre-emption." The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled " An act to amend the act, entitled ' An act establishing Circuit Courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio.' And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendatory report of the Committee of Elections, made on the twenty-fourth ultimo, relative to the contested election of Philip B. Key, returned to serve in this House as one of the members for the State of Maryland ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the resolution submitted by the Committee of Elections in their report of the eleventh of December last, amended to read as followeth :

Resolved, That Philip B. Key is entitled to his seat in this House.

The House proceeded to consider the original resolution contained in the said report of the Committee of Elections, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That Philip B. Key, having the greatest number of votes, and being qualified agreeably to the Constitution of the United States, is entitled to his seat in this House : Whereupon,

The amendment reported to the same by the Committee of the Whole House to strike out the words " having the greatest number of votes, and being qualified agreeably to the Constitution of the United States," being read,

A division of the question on the said amendment was called for by Mr. Randolph.

And on the question that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in the first part of the amendment, for striking out the words " having the greatest number of votes, and :"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The residue of the said amendment to strike out the following words in the original resolution, to wit : " being qualified agreeably to the Constitution of the United States," was again read,

And on the question that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 79,
Nays 28.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
John Boyle,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Daniel Ilsley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,

Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
Howell Cobb,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
John W. Eppes,

Peterson Goodwyn,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Roger Nelson,
John Randolph,
Jacob Richards,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Richard Stanford,
George M. Troup,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton.

The main question was then stated from the chair, that the House do agree to the said resolution, as amended and reported by the Committee of the Whole House ;
And, after debate thereon, the said question was taken,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 57,
 { Nays 52.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
John Boyle,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Joseph Clay,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
John Davenport, junior,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Ilsey,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,

Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Marmaduke Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Thomas Kenan,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,

Josiah Masters,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Scaver,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19, 1808.

Mr. Wilbour presented two petitions, one of Resolved Carr, of Westerly, in the State of Rhode Island, owner of the schooner Mary and Elizabeth, the other of Libeus Pendleton, and others, the fishermen employed on board the said vessel, respectively praying that they may receive the bounty allowed by law to vessels employed in the whale and cod fisheries of the United States, in the case of the said schooner, the benefit of which bounty hath been refused by the Collector of the District of Newport, in consequence of an alleged informality in the agreement between the said Resolved Carr, as owner of the said schooner, and the fishermen employed on board the same.

Mr. Wilbour also presented a petition of Nathan Potter and others, of Westerly, in the State of Rhode Island, of the same effect with the petition above stated, in the case of the schooner Lucy.

The said petitions were read, and severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Alexander, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Salisbury, in Rowan county, to Statesville, in Iredell county, to Charlotte, in Mecklenburg county, in North Carolina.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Willis Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, except the last of the said amendments, upon the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The question was then taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their said last amendment,

And passed in the negative.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table.

A motion was made by Mr. Ely, and seconded, to amend the same, by striking out the sixth section thereof, in the following words, to wit:

"Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the subsistence of the officers of the army, when not received in kind, shall be estimated at twenty-five cents per ration:"

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 47,
Nays 62.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Clay,
John Davenport, jun.
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
John Heister,
William Hoge,

James Holland,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Josiah Quincy,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,

Richard Stanford,
Jabez Upham,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,

Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
David Bard,
John Blake, jun.
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, jun.
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Helms,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,

Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Richard Winn.

A motion was then made by Mr. Blount, and seconded, to amend the said sixth section, by striking out therefrom the word "five," next after the word "twenty :"
And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 59,
 { Nays 45.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
George W. Campbell,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Ely,

James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
Nicholas R. Moore,

Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
John Pugh,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,

Richard Stanford,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,

William McCreery,
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Dennis Smelt,
Clement Storer,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Richard Winn.

A motion was then made by Mr. Van Horn, and seconded, farther to amend the said bill at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,
An adjournment was called for : On which,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.
And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 21, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Love, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Hay Market, in Prince William county, Virginia, to Gibson's store, in Fauquier county, in the same State.

On motion of Mr. Cobb, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing the following post roads, viz : From Milledgeville, in Georgia, by Putnam Court House, Morgan Court House, and Watkinsville, to Athens, and to return by the same route : From Milledgeville to Jones Court House, and from thence to the garrison on the Oakmulgee, and to return by the same route : From Morgan Court House to Randolph Court House : From Milledgeville to Darien, by John Jones's, on the Oconee, and from Montgomery Court House to John Jones's ; and of discontinuing the route between Milledgeville and Darien, by Montgomery Court House.

Mr. David R. Williams, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills : one entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants ;" and another entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act establishing Circuit Courts, and abridging the jurisdic-

tion of the District Courts of the Districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General, accompanying his report on the subject of the Whitestown and Salisbury route ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth instant, relative to Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented a memorial of Lewis D. Carpentier, of the city of Philadelphia, merchant, praying that he may be allowed the drawback of duties on certain merchandise, shipped by the memorialist on board the ship *Venus*, from the port of Philadelphia to the Isle of France, some time in the month of December last ; which vessel, whilst on the voyage aforesaid, was prevented from proceeding to her port of destination, by an officer of the British sloop of war called "*The Wonderer*," who declared that the ports belonging to the French, or their allies, were then in a state of blockade.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was re-committed, on the eighteenth instant, a bill to discharge Francis Baretto from his imprisonment, reported an amendatory bill ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Dana have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force "An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Ordered, That Mr. Mosely be appointed of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, in the room of Mr. Dana, who hath obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On a motion made by Mr. Rowan, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the conduct of Harry Innes, District Judge of the United States for the District of Kentucky, relative to his having, whilst in the tenure of his office aforesaid, been *party or privy* to a project on the part of Spain, or her subjects, to dismember these United States, or to the seduction of the State of Kentucky from this Union ; or relative to his having been party or privy, during the time aforesaid, to a project of France, or her citizens, to embroil these United States in a war with Spain ; or relative to his having illicitly corresponded with both or either of the Governments aforesaid, or their subjects or citizens, upon one or both the projects aforesaid ; or relative to his having known and concealed from this Government one or both the said projects : and that the said committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records : and that they report whether, in their opinion, the said Harry Innes hath so acted, relative to all or either of the subjects aforesaid, as to require the interposition of the constitutional power of this House :

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Key presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, in the Territory of Columbia, praying that so much of an act of Congress, passed on the twenty-fourth of February, one thousand eight hundred and four, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia,' as exempts from county tax the inhabitants of the City of Washington, may be repealed, for the reasons therein specified.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Deane presented a petition of Rufus Putnam, of Wareham, in the State of Massachusetts, praying compensation for services rendered, and sundry articles of clothing

and other supplies, whilst a Captain in the seventh regiment of the Massachusetts line, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force," which was depending on Saturday last, at the time of adjournment: Whereupon,

The amendment proposed by Mr. Van Horn to strike out, in the eighth section, the first, second, and third lines of the said section, containing the words following: "*the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized, if he should deem it expedient, to increase each company of infantry and riflemen to one hundred privates, and each company of cavalry to sixty-four privates, and,*" being renewed, and the question taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 63,
Nays 45.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Nicholas R. Moore,

Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rca, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Peter Swart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, junior,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George Clinton, junior,
Howell Cobb,

Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Daniel M. Durrell,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harria,
John Heister,
William Helms,
Daniel Hsley,

Robert Jenkins,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
John Love,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton, junior,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,

Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Isaac Wilbour,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments, ordered to be read the third time to-day.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for extinguishing the debts due from the United States being called for,

A motion was made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that the said order of the day be postponed *indefinitely*.

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 36,
 { Nays 73.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Barl,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Josiah Deane,
Meshack Franklin.
John Heister,
Thomas Kenan,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Daniel Montgomery, junior,
Thomas Newbold,

John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
John Boyle,
Epaphroditus Champion.
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,

John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Issiah L. Greene,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly.

Nehemiah Knight,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,

John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
James Witherecll.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act concerning the sale of the lands of the United States, and for other purposes," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force," together with the amendments thereto, was read the third time.

The question was stated from the Chair that the same do pass :

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 1808.

Mr. David R. Williams, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the twenty-first instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills : one, entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants ;" and another, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act establishing Circuit Courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio.'"

A message, in writing, from the President of the United States, accompanied with sundry documents, was received by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, who delivered in the same ; and then withdrew.

The said message was read, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

At the opening of the present session, I informed the Legislature that the measures which had been taken with the Government of Great Britain for the settlement of our neutral and national rights, and of the conditions of commercial intercourse with that nation, had resulted in articles of a treaty which could not be acceded to on our part : that instructions had been consequently sent to our Ministers there to resume the negotiations, and to endeavor to obtain certain alterations ; and that this was interrupted by the transaction which took place between the Frigates Leopard and Chesapeake. The call on that Government for reparation of this wrong, produced, as Congress has been already informed, the mission of a special Minister to this country ; and the occasion is now arrived when the public interest permits and requires that the whole of these proceedings should be made known to you. I therefore now communicate the instructions given to our Minister resident at London, and his communications with that Government on the subject of the Chesapeake, with the correspondence which has taken

place here between the Secretary of State and Mr. Rose, the special Minister charged with the adjustment of that difference ; the instructions to our Ministers for the formation of a treaty ; their correspondence with the British Commissioners and with their own Government on that subject ; the treaty itself, and written declaration of the British Commissioners accompanying it ; and the instructions given by us for resuming the negotiation, with the proceedings and correspondence subsequent thereto. To these I have added a letter lately addressed to the Secretary of State, from one of our late Ministers, which, though not strictly written in an official character, I think it my duty to communicate, in order that his views of the proposed treaty and of its several articles, may be fairly presented and understood. Although I have heretofore, and from time to time, made such communications to Congress, as to keep them possessed of a general and just view of the proceedings and dispositions of the Government of France towards this country, yet, in our present critical situation, when we find that no conduct on our part, however impartial and friendly, has been sufficient to ensure from either belligerent a just respect for our rights, I am desirous that nothing shall be omitted on my part which may add to your information on this subject, or contribute to the correctness of the views which should be formed. The papers, which for these reasons I now lay before you, embrace all the communications, official or verbal, from the French Government, respecting the general relations between the two countries, which have been transmitted through our Minister there, or through any other accredited channel since the last session of Congress, to which time all information of the same kind had, from time to time, been given them. Some of these papers have already been submitted to Congress ; but it is thought better to offer them again, in order that the chain of communications, of which they make a part, may be presented unbroken.

When, on the twenty-sixth of February, I communicated to both Houses the letter of General Armstrong to M. Champagny, I desired it might not be published, because of the tendency of that practice to restrain injuriously the freedom of our foreign correspondence. But, perceiving that this caution, proceeding purely from a regard to the public good, has furnished occasion for disseminating unfounded suspicions and insinuations, I am induced to believe that the good which will now result from its publication, by confirming the confidence and union of our fellow-citizens, will more than counter-vail the ordinary objection to such publications. It is my wish, therefore, that it may be now published.

TH. JEFFERSON.

MARCH 22, 1808.

The House then proceeded in the reading of the documents accompanying the foregoing message ; and made some progress therein.

An adjournment was then called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23, 1808.

The House resumed the reading of the documents which accompanied the message from the President of the United States, received on the twenty-second instant, and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 1808.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning half past ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25, 1808.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

In proceeding to carry into execution the act for fortifying our ports and harbors, it is found that the sites most advantageous for their defence, and sometimes the only sites competent to that defence, are, in some cases, the property of minors, incapable of giving a valid consent to their alienation ; in others, belong to persons who may re-

fuse altogether to alienate, or demand a compensation far beyond the liberal justice allowable in such cases. From these causes, the defence of our seaboard, so necessary to be pressed during the present season, will, in various parts, be defeated, unless a remedy can be applied. With a view to this, I submit the case to the consideration of Congress, who, estimating its importance, and reviewing the powers vested in them by the Constitution, combined with the amendment providing that private property shall not be taken for public use, without just compensation, will decide on the course most proper to be pursued.

I am aware that as the consent of the Legislature of the State to the purchase of the site, may not, in some instances, have been previously obtained, exclusive legislation cannot be exercised therein by Congress until that consent is given; but, in the mean time, it will be held under the same laws which protect the property of individuals, and other property of the United States in the same State; and the Legislatures, at their next meetings, will have opportunities of doing what will be so evidently called for by the particular interest of their own State.

TH. JEFFERSON.

MARCH 25, 1808.

The said message was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Blount, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Burwell, Mr. Cook, Mr. Riker, Mr. Troup, and Mr. Witherell.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to both Houses of Congress a report from the Surveyor of the Public Buildings of the progress made on them during the last session; of their present state, and of that of the funds appropriated to them. These have been much exceeded by the cost of the work done, a fact not known to me till the close of the season. The circumstances from which it arose, are stated in the report of the Surveyor.

TH. JEFFERSON.

MARCH 25, 1808.

The said message and report were read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Stanford, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Southard, and Mr. Cutts.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I now lay before Congress a statement of the militia of the United States, according to the latest returns received from the Department of War. From the State of Delaware, alone, no return has been made.

TH. JEFFERSON.

MARCH 25, 1808.

The said message was read, and, together with the statement transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-first instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act extending the time for issuing and locating military land warrants."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House being cleared of all persons except the members and the Clerk, resumed the reading of such papers, accompanying the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty-second instant, as in his judgment require secrecy, and were communicated in confidence to this House; and made a farther progress therein.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the farther reading of the said papers, except the treaty negotiated on the thirty-first of December last between the United States and the King of Great Britain be dispensed with; and that the same be now read;

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said treaty was then read: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Clay, and seconded, that the doors of the Representatives' Chamber be now opened:

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Stanford, and seconded,

Resolved, That when the House adjourn, it will adjourn to meet to-morrow at half past ten, in the forenoon.

An adjournment was then called for : On which

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning half past ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, MARCH 26, 1808.

Mr. Burwell, from the committee appointed on the nineteenth of January last, presented, according to order, a bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed on that subject;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act further to prolong the continuance of the mint at Philadelphia," without amendment. I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the twenty-second instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act establishing Circuit Courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of the Districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio.'" And then he withdrew.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented a memorial of the stockholders of the Bank of the United States, signed by order and in behalf of a general meeting of the said stockholders, by Samuel Breck, their Chairman, and attested by Paschall Hollingsworth, their Secretary, praying, for the reasons therein specified, a renewal, for an additional term of years, of the charter of the said Bank, which will expire on the fourth of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

The said memorial was read : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Joseph Clay, and seconded, that the same be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the consideration of the question for a reference of the said memorial, be postponed until Monday next : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker decided that the said motion was not in order.

A motion was then made by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded, that the said memorial be referred to a Committee of the Whole House, which superseding the motion for a reference to the Secretary of the Treasury, the question was taken thereupon,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the said memorial be the order of the day for Monday next.

Ordered, That Mr. Tallmadge be excused from serving on the committee to whom was yesterday referred a written message from the President of the United States, relative to sites for fortifications and arsenals ; and that Mr. Quincy be appointed of the said committee, in his stead.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States ;" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the reading of such papers accompanying the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty second instant, as were not communicated by him in confidence ; and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, MARCH 28, 1808.

Ordered, That Mr. Sawyer and Mr. Kelly have leave of absence after to-morrow, and Mr. Kenan, Mr. Mumford, and Mr. Cutts, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Nicholas, and seconded,

Ordered, That Mr. Mumford and Mr. Cook be added to the committee appointed the fourth of January last, on the petition of Jonathan Grout, of the State of Massachusetts, relative to the establishment of telegraphs in the United States.

Mr. Van Horn presented a petition of Rachael Roberts, of the city of Annapolis, in the State of Maryland, widow of Edward Roberts, deceased, praying that the pension heretofore allowed to her said husband, in consideration of wounds received by him whilst a private in the Continental army, may be granted to her; or that such other relief may be afforded in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Mr. Joseph Clay presented a petition of Benjamin Mifflin, clerk in the office of the Purveyor of Public Supplies, in behalf of himself and of his son, a minor, heretofore a clerk in the said office, and lately deceased, praying a reimbursement of expenses incurred by the petitioner in the removal of the books and papers belonging to that office to Germantown, on account of a malignant fever which prevailed in the city of Philadelphia, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and five.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. George Washington Campbell presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the State of Tennessee, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Dunlapsville, by the dwelling houses of Daniel Rawlings, in Rhea county, and Michael Rawlings, of Bledsoe county, to connect with a former post route from Knoxville to Nashville, at the Crab Orchard, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and other inhabitants of the said State of Tennessee.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, the tenth instant, on the subject of post offices and post roads.

On motion of Mr. Nicholas, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Charlottesville, by Everett's and Martin's to Amherst Court House, in the State of Virginia.

Mr. Bacon presented a petition of Joseph Wilcox, Marshal of the District of Connecticut, praying an increase of the compensation heretofore allowed him by law, for his services in the capacity aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Bacon, Mr. Dana, Mr. Howard, Mr. Wharton and Mr. Clairborne; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Joseph Clay,

Ordered, That the memorial of John Mullanwy, of the city of Philadelphia, presented on the seventeenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for damages sustained by the memorialist on account of the capture of the British brig Catharine, by the French national ship called the L'Embuscade, within the territory of the United States, some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-three, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Dana, from the committee appointed on the fifth of November last, to whom were referred the petitions of Gideon Edwards and Samuel Doak, together with a bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force the nineteenth section of an act, entitled 'An act to ascertain and fix the military establishment of the United States, and to extend the provisions thereof,'" reported several amendments to the said bill; which were read, and, together with the said bill and petitions, ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning the sale of lands of the United States, and for other purposes." Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made by Mr. Milnor, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the order of this House made on the twenty-third instant, which requires five thousand copies of the message and documents presented to this House on

the twenty-second instant, be rescinded; and that fifteen hundred copies of the said message and documents be printed.

Ordered, That the said proposed resolution do lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the sale of public arms," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the reading of such papers accompanying the message from the President of the United States of the twenty-second instant, as, in his judgment, do not require secrecy, and were not communicated in *confidence* to this House; and made a farther progress therein.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 1808.

Ordered, That Mr. Cook and Mr. Stedman have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Thursday next; Mr. Boyle, from Friday next; and Mr. Poindexter, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Ely presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Northampton, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating the inconveniences and embarrassments to which the petitioners and other citizens of the said State are subjected, in consequence of the embargo laid on all vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States; but that, in the event of hostilities meditated or committed by any of the Powers of Europe against the peace and safety of this country, they pledge themselves to support such measures as may be adopted by the Government of the Union for the security and protection of the inhabitants thereof.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Boyle, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred, on the seventh instant, a written message from the President of the United States, presented, according to order, a bill relinquishing to the corporation of the city of New Orleans, the right of the United States to the Batture, in the front of the suburb of St. Mary's, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined three enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act further to prolong the continuance of the Mint at Philadelphia;" another, entitled "An act concerning the sale of the lands of the United States, and for other purposes;" and another, entitled "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Barker presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Bridgewater, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the post road established by law, from Weymouth Landing, by Abington, East Bridgewater, and West Bridgewater, to Taunton, may be discontinued; and that, instead thereof, a mail may be carried from Boston, by the towns of Milton, Randolph, Bridgewater, and Raynham, to Taunton, in the said State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the tenth instant, on the subject of Post Offices and Post Roads.

The House resumed the reading of such papers accompanying the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty-second instant, as, in his judgment, do not require secrecy, and were not communicated by him in *confidence* to this House; and went through the same.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the sale of public arms:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military

force," together with the amendments agreed to on the twenty-first instant, was read the third time: Whereupon,

The question being stated from the chair, that the same do pass,

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, and the question put thereupon, that the said bill, with the amendments, be recommitted to the committee appointed on so much of the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty-seventh of October last, as relates to the military and naval establishments:

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Tallmadge, from the committee appointed on the eighteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the army of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

Mr. Dawson, from the committee to whom was, this day, recommitted the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force," together with the amendments agreed to on the twenty-first instant, reported an additional amendment thereto; which was read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1808.

Ordered, That Mr. Chittenden and Mr. Van Dyke have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, and Mr. Blackledge, from Wednesday next, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the transportation of the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-second instant, and the documents accompanying the same, by mail, free of postage.

On motion of Mr. Findley, and seconded,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred on the fourth of January last, a memorial and petition of Jonathan Grout, of the State of Massachusetts, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said memorial and petition be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House, at the next session of Congress.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, yesterday, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit: "An act further to prolong the continuance of the Mint at Philadelphia;" "An act concerning the sale of the lands of the United States, and for other purposes;" and "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force," together with the amendments reported and agreed thereto; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1808.

Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was yesterday referred a resolution directing the said committee "to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the transportation of the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-second instant, and the documents accompanying the same, by mail, free of postage," made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Trigg, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Union, in the county of Monroe, to the Red Sulphur Springs; from thence to Giles Court House; and from thence to Wythe Court House, in Virginia.

The House proceeded to consider a resolution proposed by Mr. Rowan, relative to an inquiry into the conduct of Harry Innes, District Judge of the United States for the district of Kentucky, which was read and ordered to lie on the table, on the twenty-first instant; and the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House as followeth:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the conduct of Harry Innes, District Judge of the United States for the District of Kentucky, relative to his having, whilst in the tenure of his office aforesaid, been party or privy to a project, on the part of Spain, or her subjects, to dismember these United States, or to the seduction of the State of Kentucky from this Union; or relative to his having been party or privy, during the time aforesaid, to a project of France, or her citizens, to embroil these United States in a war with Spain; or relative to his having illicitly corresponded with both or either of the Governments aforesaid, or their subjects or citizens, upon one or both projects aforesaid; or relative to his having known and concealed from this Government one or both the said projects; and that the said committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records; and that they report whether, in their opinion, the said Harry Innes hath so acted, relative to all or either of the subjects aforesaid, as to require the interposition of the constitutional power of this House.

Ordered, That Mr. Rowan, Mr. Fisk, Mr. Bassett, Mr. J. Montgomery, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Jedediah K. Smith, and Mr. J. Taylor, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. David R. Williams, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the sale of public arms," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force," together with the amendments reported and agreed to the same; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report an additional amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time to-day.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1808.

The House proceeded to consider the report of the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, made and ordered to lie on the table on the thirty-first ultimo; and the resolution contained therein being again read at the Clerk's table as followeth:

Resolved, That it is not expedient to provide by law for the transportation of the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-second instant, and the documents accompanying the same, by mail, free of postage:

The question was taken that the House do agree thereto,

And passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to report a bill providing for the transportation of the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-second ultimo, and the documents accompanying the same, by mail, free of postage :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a resolution appointing a committee, jointly, with such committee as the House of Representatives may appoint on their part, to consider and report what business is necessary to be done by Congress in the present session, and when it may be expedient to close the same. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the following be added to the standing rules and orders of the House :

"When a motion is made and seconded, it shall be deemed to be in the possession of the House, and the question for considering the same shall not preclude debate upon it."

Ordered, That the said proposed rule do lie on the table.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the thirtieth ultimo, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act authorizing a detachment from the militia of the United States;" also, that the President did, on the thirty-first ultimo, approve and sign "An act concerning the sale of the lands of the United States, and for other purposes;" and, this day, "An act farther to prolong the continuance of the Mint at Philadelphia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1808.

Mr. David R. Williams, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the sale of public arms."

Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the transportation of a certain message of the President of the United States, and documents accompanying the same; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution of the Senate appointing a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to consider and report what business is necessary to be done by Congress in the present session, and when it may be expedient to close the same: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said resolution and that Mr. Findley, Mr. Wharton, Mr. Troup, Mr. Southard, and Mr. Bacon, be appointed a committee, pursuant thereto, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 4, 1808.

A new member, to wit: Adam Boyd, returned to serve in this House as a Representative for the State of New Jersey, in the room of Ezra Darby, deceased, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Ordered, That Mr. Upham have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Friday next, and Mr. Jenkins, from the eleventh instant, for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Randolph, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be authorized, under the direction of the

Speaker, to make such arrangement with the Public Printer as shall be deemed expedient for expediting the printing of the documents whereof five thousand copies have been ordered to be published.

Mr. Key, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to whom were referred, on the first, third, and nineteenth of February, and the eighth and sixteenth of March last, the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the town and county of Alexandria; of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Alexandria and Washington; and of the stockholders of the Marine Insurance Company, and other inhabitants of the town of Alexandria; of sundry inhabitants of the District of Columbia; also, a petition of Jacob Baugh, of the State of Virginia; made reports thereon; which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Randolph, from the committee appointed on the fourth of December last, presented, according to order, a bill making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force," together with the amendments agreed thereto by the House, was read the third time: Whereupon,

The question was stated from the Chair that the same do pass;

And debate arising thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed until to-morrow;

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

An adjournment was then called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 1808.

Ordered, That Mr. Marmaduke Williams have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Thursday next, for the remainder of the session.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanying his report on the petition of Robert Elwell, of the State of Massachusetts, referred to him by order of the House, on the nineteenth of February last; which were read, and, together with sundry accompanying documents, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying a supplementary report in relation to invalid pensioners, transmitted in pursuance of the third and fifth sections of "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war;" which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented to the House a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the town of Newburyport, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating the losses and inconveniences to which the memorialists have been and are now subjected, by the operation of the acts "laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States," and praying, for the reasons therein specified, that they may be allowed to export their fish without the limits of the United States.

Mr. Barker presented two memorials of sundry inhabitants of the county of Plymouth, in the said State of Massachusetts, to the like effect.

The said memorials were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the eleventh of January last, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on a memorial of William Haslet and others, merchants and traders of the city of Philadelphia.

On motion of Mr. Gardner, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the expediency of providing, by law, for the adjournment of this Congress to some earlier period than the first Monday of December next, with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Mosely be excused from serving on the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, and that Mr. Dana be appointed of the said committee in his stead.

Ordered, That Mr. Alexander be appointed of the committee to whom was referred, on the second instant, a memorial of James Jay, of the State of New York, in the room of Mr. Kelly, who hath obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the ninth ultimo, a petition of Timothy Wellman, Benjamin Stoddert, and John Mason, trustees of Francis Lewis Taney, reported a bill to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the Comptroller of the Treasury, in trust, the amount of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, Minister from the United States to the Court of France, on the Treasury of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Ilsley, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to exchange the site of the fortification near Portland harbor, for other land more suitable for a fortification for the protection of said harbor, and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Ilsley, Mr. Storer, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Smelt, and Mr. John Campbell, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Eppes, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twelfth of January last, a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of Washington, in the District of Columbia," be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Stanford, from the committee to whom were referred, on the twenty-fifth ultimo, a message from the President of the United States, enclosing a report of the Surveyor of the Public Buildings in the city of Washington, reported a bill to make good a deficit in the appropriation of eighteen hundred and seven, and to make a farther appropriation for completing the South wing of the Capitol, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

A motion was then made by Mr. Stanford, that the said bill be now read the second time: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, that the bill be recommitted to a select committee, and that the committee be instructed to make to the House a detailed report of the circumstances which produced the deficit in the appropriation for the Public Buildings, and how far it may be consistent with the public interest to abolish the office of Surveyor of the Public Buildings:

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Stanford, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Southard, and Mr. Cutts, be appointed the said committee.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force," with the amendments agreed thereto, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment: Whereupon,

The question was renewed and again stated from the Chair that the same do pass;

And debate arising thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed until Tuesday next;

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

An adjournment was then called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 6, 1808.

Ordered, That Mr. Gardner have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, and Mr. Porter, from Wednesday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Lyon presented two petitions of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Randolph

and St. Clair, in the Indiana Territory, and a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Illinois country, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectfully praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that a division of the said Territory of Indiana may take place, and that a separate Territorial Government may be established over the country in which the petitioners reside.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to Mr. Lyon, Mr. Parke, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Gardner, Mr. Hoge, Mr. Van Rensselaer, and Mr. Deane, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was committed, on the third ultimo, the bill to continue in force "An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to State Judges and State Courts," presented, according to order, an amendatory bill to continue in force an act, entitled "An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to State Judges and State Courts," and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the punishment of certain crimes and offences against the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force," with the amendments agreed thereto, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment : Whereupon,

The question being renewed, and again stated from the chair, "that the same do pass"

And farther debate arising thereupon,

An adjournment was called for : On which

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 7, 1808.

Mr. Findley, from the committee appointed, the fourth instant, on the part of this House, jointly, with the committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to consider and report what business is necessary to be done by Congress, in their present session, and when it will be expedient to close the same, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force," together with the amendments agreed thereto, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, that the said bill and amendments, be recommended to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

After farther debate, the main question was taken that the said bill, with the amendments, do pass,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 95,
Nays 16.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,

John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
George Clinton, jun.
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,

Richard Cutts,
 John Davenport, junior,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Francis Gardner,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creery,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, junior,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 William Ely,
 James M. Garnett,
 Edwin Gray,
 William Hoge,

John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 John Morrow,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rhea, of Tennessee,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Russell,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell.

Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Randolph,
 James Sloan,
 Richard Stanford,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 David R. Williams.

A motion was then made by Mr. Blount, and seconded, that the title be, "An act to raise troops for the defence of the United States against the impending danger:" Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Stanford, to amend the proposed title of the bill, by striking out the word "*troops*," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "a standing army:"

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, to amend the said title, by inserting after the words "to raise," the following words, "for an unlimited time:"

On the question to agree to the said amendment,

It passed in the negative.

The question was then taken, that the House do agree to the title as originally proposed by Mr. Blount,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 38,
 { Nays 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
William A. Burwell,
George W. Campbell.
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
James Holland,
David Holmes,

Richard M. Johnson,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
Jacob Richards,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Jesse Wharton,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
William W. Bibb,
Adam Boyd,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Martin Chittenden,
George Clinton, jun.
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
William Findley,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Isley,
John G. Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,

William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
David R. Williams,
Marinaduke Williams,
James Withereil.

A motion was then made by Mr. Blount, and seconded, that the title of the said bill be "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force :"

And on the question to agree to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 58,
 { Nays 29.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,

William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
William A. Burwell,

Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Ilsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,

John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
James I. Van Allen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
William W. Bibb,
William Butler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Helms,
William Hoge,

Matthew Lyon,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
James Sloan,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Richard Winn.

A motion was made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, that the House do reconsider their vote on the passage of the said bill, as amended ;

And on the question for reconsideration,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 25,
 { Nays 60.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
William W. Bibb,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,

Walter Jones,
Robert Marion,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
Thomas Moore,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jr.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Ilsley,

John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon.
William McCreery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*.
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Smile,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Jesse Wharton,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Withereil.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate with the passage of the said bill, and desire their concurrence in the amendments thereto.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 8, 1808.

Ordered, That Mr. Clarke, the delegate from the Territory of Orleans, have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Secretary of State do transmit to this House authentic copies of the several accredited documents which may be in his office, and which do contain articles of treaties, commercial orders, and regulations, and orders and decrees of blockade, affecting the commerce of the United States, which may have been respectively made or issued by the Governments of Great Britain or France, at any time since the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety ; exclusively of treaties to which the United States are a party :

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made by Mr. George Washington Campbell, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That, in the event of such peace or suspension of hostilities between the belligerent Powers of Europe, or of such changes in their measures affecting neutral commerce, as may render that of the United States sufficiently safe in the judgment of the President of the United States, he ought to be authorized by law to suspend the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, under such exceptions and restrictions as the public interest and circumstances of the case may require ; provided that such suspension shall not extend beyond —— days after the commencement of the next session of Congress :

Ordered, That the said proposed resolution be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Committee on the District of Columbia be instructed to inquire and report to this House, how far the present plan of the City of Washington, and the arrangement of the public buildings belonging to the United States, can be so modified or altered, or other measures taken, as shall tend both to promote the convenience of the Government, and, at the same time, the future growth and prosperity of the City :

And on the question that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration,

It passed in the negative.

Mr. Wilbour presented a memorial of the freemen of the town of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, signed by order and in behalf of a meeting of the said freemen, by Samuel Vinson, Moderator, and attested by Jonathan Almy, Town Clerk, praying that such measures may be adopted for the defence of the port and harbor of Newport, as Congress, in their wisdom, shall deem proper.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Wilbour, Mr. Quincy, Mr. McCreery, Mr. Newton, and Mr. Marion ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred the several memorials and petitions of sundry merchants, traders, and farmers, on the Roanoke and Cashie rivers, in the State of North Carolina, of sundry merchants, pilots, and other inhabitants of the counties of Charles and St. Mary's, in the State of Maryland, and of the pilots of Chesapeake bay, and Potomac river, reported a bill to make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry ; and to change the name of the District of Nanjemoy to that of St. Mary's, which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Rowan presented a memorial of James Maxwell and others, Trustees of Louisiana Academy, in the Territory of Louisiana, praying the aid and patronage of Congress for the support of the said institution, by the adoption of such measures as may be deemed equitable and proper.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize the transportation of a certain message of the President of the United States, and documents accompanying the same ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Marion reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

An engrossed bill to authorize the transportation of a certain message of the President of the United States, and documents accompanying the same, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents, by mail, free of postage."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9, 1808.

Ordered, That Mr. Daniel Montgomery have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States, being called for :

The question was taken that the House do now resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill ;

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 41,
 { Nays 50.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,

Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
John Rowan,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
Josiah Deane,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Hollaud,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,

William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Allen,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
James Witherell.

Ordered, That Mr. Macon and Mr. Durell be appointed of the Committee on the District of Columbia, in the room of Mr. Van Dyke and Mr. Livermore, who have leave of absence.

Mr. Nicholas R. Moore presented a petition of William Keough, of the State of Maryland, praying relief in consideration of wounds received and injuries sustained whilst a soldier in the Maryland line, during the Revolutionary war.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Ilsey, from the committee appointed, on the fifth instant, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize and empower the President of the United States to exchange the lands whereon the fort and battery now stand in the town of Portland, for lands more suitable for fortification and the protection of said harbor and town of Portland, in the District of Maine; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented two petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that farther and reasonable time may be allowed them to make payment for the lands by them respectively purchased from the United States.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That Mr. Howard be appointed of the Committee on the Public Lands, in the room of Mr. Boyle, who hath obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter and establish certain post roads; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then farther amended at the Clerk's table.

A motion was made by Mr. Holland, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn: And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, $\begin{cases} \text{Yeas} & \dots\dots\dots 27, \\ \text{Nays} & \dots\dots\dots 49. \end{cases}$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Joseph Barker,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
Josiah Deane,
William Findley,
James Holland,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.

Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
John Thompson,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
William Butler,

Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,

John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,

John Randolph,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
Jesse Wharton,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
James Witherell.

An adjournment was then again called for : On which,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.
And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 11, 1808.

Ordered, That Mr. Wilson, Mr. Hoge, Mr. Storer, Mr. Samuel Smith, and Mr. Elliot, have leave to be absent from the service of this House from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

Ordered, That Mr. Riker be appointed of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, in the room of Mr. Mumford, who hath obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Lyon, from the committee appointed on the sixth instant, to whom were referred two petitions of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Randolph and St. Clair, in the Indiana Territory, and a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Illinois country, in the said Territory, made a report thereon ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur in the report of the committee, "that it is inexpedient, at this time, to grant the prayer of the petitioners."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a resolution authorizing the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, to adjourn their respective Houses on Monday, the twenty fifth day of April instant ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the foregoing resolution of the Senate ; and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, was, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Dana presented a petition of Christopher Lester and others, of New London county, in the State of Connecticut, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that they may receive the bounty allowed by law on vessels employed in the fisheries of the United States, in the case of the sloop Lucy Ann, the property of the petitioners, which said bounty has been withheld by the Collector of the port of New London, in the said State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Manufactures.

A motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the *peculiar hardships and sufferings* to which the citizens of the United States, immediately interested in the fisheries, are subjected by the various acts laying an embargo ; and that the committee be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, relief ought to be extended to them ; and that it have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the eleventh of January last, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures on the memorial of the merchants and traders of the city of Philadelphia.

Mr. Quincy presented four memorials of sundry inhabitants of the county of Barnstable, in the State of Massachusetts, engaged in the fisheries of the United States,

whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating the peculiar distresses to which they are subjected by the operation of the acts laying an embargo on all vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, in not being able to procure a market for the produce of their labor; and praying that the exportation of fish may be allowed, or that such other relief may be granted them as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act for raising an additional military force." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act making provision for registering certain claims to land lying in the State of Tennessee;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act making provision for registering certain claims to land lying in the State of Tennessee," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The Speaker presented to the House sundry resolutions of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory, instructing George Poindexter, the Delegate in Congress from the said Territory, to impeach Peter B. Bruin, presiding Judge of that Territory, on the charges of neglect of duty, and drunkenness on the bench; which were read: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Poindexter, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of preferring articles of impeachment against Peter B. Bruin, one of the Judges of the Superior Court of the Mississippi Territory; and that the said committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records:

The said resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents by mail, free of postage," without amendment. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to alter and establish certain post roads; and the same being again read at the Clerk's table, was farther amended, and, together with the said amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. David R. Williams, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents, by mail, free of postage," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12, 1808.

Mr. Smilie presented a petition of Augustine Serry, boatswain of the United States' brig *Sophia*, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for the balance of pay due for the services of the petitioner in the capacity aforesaid, from the fifteenth of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, until the sixteenth of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.

The said petition was read, and referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred, on the eleventh of January last, the petition of Betsy Booth, of the county of Accomack, in the State of Virginia, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw her said petition, and the documents accompanying the same.

Mr. Whitehill presented a petition of John Heap, of Shippensburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for his services as a clerk in the quartermaster's

department at the town of Carlisle, in the State aforesaid, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution proposed by Mr. Smilie, which was read and ordered to lie on the table on the eighth instant, and the same being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That the hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, daily, shall be ten o'clock in the forenoon.

The House proceeded to consider a resolution proposed by Mr. Gardner, which was read and ordered to lie on the table on the fifth instant; and the same being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider the expediency of providing by law for the adjournment of this Congress to some earlier period than the first Monday of December next, with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Gardner, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Nicholas, and Mr. Johnson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Van Allen be appointed of the committee to whom was referred, on the second ultimo, the memorial of James Jay, in the room of Mr. Swart, who hath obtained leave of absence for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Poindexter presented to the House certain resolutions of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory, stating that the power given to the Governor of the said Territory by the ordinance establishing the Government of the same, is incompatible with the rights of the citizens, and praying that a form of Government approximating to that enjoyed by the States of the Union, in a limitation of the authority given to the Executive, and the extension of that of the Council and House of Representatives of the said Territory, may be adopted by Congress for the convenience and benefit of the inhabitants thereof.

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the nineteenth of February last, the bill concerning the powers of Territorial Governors.

An engrossed bill to alter and establish certain post roads was read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 70,
Nays 31.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, jun.
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
John Culpepper,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett.



Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, of Tennessee.

Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,

Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
John Blake, jun.
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Claiborne,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
Charles Goldsborough,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
Daniel Hsley,
John Lambert,
Josiah Masters,

William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
Matthias Richards,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to alter and establish certain post roads."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act concerning public contracts," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a resolution proposed by Mr. George W. Campbell, on the eighth instant, relative to a suspension of the several acts laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said proposed resolution under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said proposed resolution.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 1808.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the twelfth instant, present to the President of the United States two enrolled bills : one entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents by mail, free of postage ;" and another entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force."

On motion of Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House to whom has been referred a proposed resolution relative to a suspension of the embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the same be referred to the Committee of the

Whole House on the State of the Union to whom was committed a message from the President of the United States of the twenty-second ultimo:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning public contracts:" Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that the said bill, with the amendments, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the said bill and amendments do lie on the table:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force an act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the third instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act authorizing the sale of public arms;" and, on the thirteenth instant, "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents, by mail, free of postage."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion was made by Mr. Holmes, and seconded, that the resolution proposed by Mr. George Washington Campbell, on the eighth instant, relative to a suspension of the embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, do lie on the table:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The House then, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said proposed resolution; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the same under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said proposed resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Barclay, deceased; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trigg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government during the present year, and making an appropriation for defraying the expenses incident to the valuation of the houses and lands, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 1808.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying a statement of the public debt from the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, to the first day of January, one thousand

eight hundred and seven, inclusively; also, the estimated amount of the said debt on the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, together with the progress and decrease of the same during certain periods therein enumerated, prepared in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the eighth of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Barclay, deceased, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Barclay, deceased."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committees of the Whole House to whom were referred, on the eighteenth of December, and ninth of January last, two resolutions proposed by him, relative to a provision for "regulating the conduct of such merchant vessels as, by agreement of the respective owners, may sail in concert for mutual assistance and defence in any lawful commerce;" also, "that registered ships or vessels shall not continue to enjoy the benefits and privileges of ships or vessels of the United States, unless a proportion of the mariners on board the same shall be citizens of the United States;" be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said resolutions be severally referred to Mr. Dana, Mr. Quincy, Mr. M'Creery, Mr. Marion, and Mr. Troup, with instruction to report thereon by way of bill, or bills.

Mr. Clinton presented a memorial of Margaret De Labigarre, of the City and State of New York, stating a claim to a proportion of the lots or parcels of land called the Batture, in the vicinity of the city of New-Orleans, in consequence of a purchase made of the same by her husband some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and three; and praying that Congress will take the premises into consideration, and grant such relief therein, as to their wisdom and justice shall seem meet.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, the bill relinquishing the right of the United States to the Batture, in the front of the suburb of St. Mary's, and for other purposes.

Mr. Rowan presented a petition of Daniel Jennings, Collector of the Internal Revenue of the United States, for the District of Ohio, stating certain inconveniences and expenses to which the petitioner has been subjected in the execution of his official duty in the capacity aforesaid, and praying such relief as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Philip Turner;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storer reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment.

A motion was then made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that the bill be recommitted to the Committee of Claims:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Bacon, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said bill do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the following order be inserted among the standing rules and orders of the House.

Ordered, That a standing committee to consist of seventeen members, (one from each State,) and to be styled "the Committee of the Post Office and Post Roads," shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all such matters and things touching the post office and post roads of the United States, as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House, and to report thereon; and, also, to report such alterations and amendments to the laws concerning the post office and post roads as may become necessary.

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, an act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be now read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Clarke, the delegate from the Territory of Orleans, presented to the House two resolutions of the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Territory; the first requesting that a port of entry on the Bayou Teche, at or near the Church of Attacapas, may be established; the second proposing an amendment to the ordinance for the government of the said Territory, relative to the manner of filling vacancies in the Legislative Council thereof.

The said resolutions were read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the first, which relates to the establishment of a port of entry, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Ordered, That the second of the said resolutions be referred to Mr. Clark, Mr. Bibb, and Mr. Van Allen, with leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Van Cortlandt presented to the House a concurrent resolution of the Legislature of the State of New York, representing the exposed situation of the port of New York, and the urgent necessity of such appropriations of money to be made by Congress, as may be fully adequate to the protection of the said port; also, the destitute condition of our seamen, and the danger of their migration to foreign countries for employment, in consequence of the present menacing state of the exterior relations of the United States.

The said resolution was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Van Cortlandt presented a petition of John Conrad Wygant, praying relief in consideration of services rendered, and a wound received whilst a private in the New York line on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Van Cortlandt, and seconded, that it be referred to the consideration of a select committee:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Van Cortlandt, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act concerning Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry," with several amendments. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolution proposed by Mr. George W. Campbell, on the eighth instant, relative to a suspension of the embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said proposed resolution under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said proposed resolution.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 15. 1808.

Mr. Bacon, one of the members for the State of Massachusetts, informed the House of the death of Jacob Crowninshield, Esq. late one of the members of the said State, in this House: Whereupon,

On motion of Mr. Fisk, and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That a committee be appointed to take order for super-

intending the funeral of Jacob Crowninshield, late a Representative from the State of Massachusetts.

Ordered, That Mr. Cutts, Mr. Taggart, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Cook, Mr. Green, Mr. Ely, and Mr. Bacon, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House will testify their respect for the memory of Jacob Crowninshield, late one of their body, by wearing crape on the left arm for one month.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That the members of this House will attend the funeral of the late Jacob Crowninshield, to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Smilie, and seconded,

Resolved, unanimously, That a message be sent to the Senate, to notify them of the death of Jacob Crowninshield, late a member of this House, and that his funeral will take place to-morrow morning at ten o'clock.

On motion of Mr. Findley, and seconded,

Resolved, That when this House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at nine o'clock.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning nine o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Findley,

Resolved, That when the House adjourns to attend the funeral of the late Jacob Crowninshield, it will adjourn to meet at twelve o'clock this day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the Comptroller of the Treasury, in trust, the amount of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, Minister from the United States to the Court of France, on the Treasury of the United States ;" also, a bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a further time, an act, entitled "An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction." I am directed to inform this House that the members of the Senate will, at ten o'clock this day, attend the funeral of Jacob Crowninshield, late one of the Representatives from the State of Massachusetts. And then he withdrew.

And then, on a motion made and seconded,

The House adjourned until twelve o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 16, 12 o'clock.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

Mr. Quincy presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Essex, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the same effect with several petitions of the inhabitants of the county of Plymouth, in the said State, presented on the eleventh instant.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the eleventh January last, a report of the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, on the memorial of the merchants and traders of the city of Philadelphia.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the Comptroller of the Treasury, in trust, the amount of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, Minister from the United States to the Court of France, on the Treasury of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a further time, an act, entitled "An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be read the third time immediately.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Matthew Smith and Darius Gates, jointly, and Darius Gates, separately ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to continue in force, an act, entitled "An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to State Judges and State Courts," and for other purposes ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning public contracts."

A motion was made by Mr. Quincy, that the said bill and amendments do lie on the table :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Holland, and seconded, to strike out the second section of the said amendments :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, to amend the said amendments, by striking out of the fourth section of the same, the words, "*other than such as are herein excepted :*"

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. John Montgomery, and seconded, further to amend the said amendments, by inserting, after the word "agreement," and before the word "made," in the fourth line of the first section, the words, "hereafter to be :"

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded, to strike out the third section of the said amendments.

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Garnett, and seconded, that the House do reconsider their vote to strike out the second section of the amendments of the Senate :

And on the question for reconsideration,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken that the House do agree to strike out the said second section ;

And passed in the negative.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, to reconsider the vote to strike out from the fourth section, the words, "*other than such as are herein excepted :*"

And on the question for reconsideration,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken that the House do agree to strike out the words before recited,

And passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Nicholas, and seconded, to reconsider the vote to insert in the first section the words, "hereafter to be :"

And on the question for reconsideration,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken that the House do agree to insert the said words, "hereafter to be ;"

And resolved in the affirmative.

And then the main question being taken that the House do agree to the said amendments, as amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 59,
 } Nays 27.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis' Alston, jun.
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 Thomas Blount,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 John Clopton,
 Howell Cobb,
 John Dawson,
 Joseph Desha,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 William Hoge,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Edward Lloyd,

Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 William McCreery,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Randolph,
 John Rhea, of Tennessee,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Taylor,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
 Joseph Barker,
 Adam Boyd,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Josiah Deane,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 James Holland,

Daniel Hsley,
 James Kelly,
 John Lambert,
 Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,
 Thomas Newbold,
 John Pugh,
 James Sloan,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 James Witherell.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the establishment of a Turnpike Company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia." I am directed to inform this House that the Vice President of the United States being absent, the Senate have proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, as the Constitution provides, and the Honorable Samuel Smith has been duly elected. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of

the militia of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

A motion was then made and seconded that the House do now adjourn ;
And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 30,
 { Nays 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
John Blake, junior,
William A. Burwell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
James Holland,
John G. Jackson,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,

Robert Marion,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Porter,
John Randolph,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Lewis B. Sturges,
John Taylor,
Archibald Van Horn,
Daniel C. Verplanck.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
William Butler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun:
John Dawson,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,

Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
James I. Van Allen,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Another motion was then made and seconded that the House do now adjourn,
And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 26,
 { Nays 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jr.
John Blake, jun.
William A. Burwell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Davenport, jun.
James M. Garnett,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,

Daniel Hsley,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Randolph,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,

Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Lewis B. Sturges,

Abram Trigg,
Archibald Van Horn,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
William Butler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,

Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Edward Lloyd,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthas Richards,
Richard Stanford,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
James I. Van Allen,
Richard Winn.

It being ascertained by the votes on the preceding motions for adjournment, that a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number of members, was not present,

Another motion was made, and the question being put, that the House do now adjourn,

It was resolved in the affirmative : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 18, 1808.

On motion,

Ordered, That Mr. Helms and Mr. Gray have leave to be absent from the service of this House from Friday next ; Mr. Richards from to-morrow ; and Mr. Franklin, from this day, for the remainder of the session.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanied with his report on the petition of John Conrad Wygant, referred to him by an order of the House on the fourteenth instant ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting his report on the petition of Elias De Butts, William Combs, James Hunter, and Bernard Mulligan, referred to him by an order of the House on the second ultimo ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Dana, from the committee appointed on the fourteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill concerning associations for the security of navigation ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Dana, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill for the encouragement and security of seamen of the United States ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Ely presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the county of Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively stating the inconveniences and losses to which the petitioners and other citizens of the said State are subjected in consequence of the embargo laid on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States ; and pledging themselves to support such measures as Congress in their wisdom shall adopt for the security and happiness of the American People.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Bacon, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Speaker address a letter to the Executive of the State of Massachusetts, communicating information of the death of Jacob Crowninshield, late a member of this House, in order that measures may be taken to supply the vacancy occasioned thereby in the representation from that State.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Barclay, deceased," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Matthew Smith and Darius Gates, jointly, and Darius Gates, separately, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Matthew Smith and Darius Gates, jointly, and Darius Gates, separately."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill to continue in force an act, entitled "An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to State Judges and State Courts, and for other purposes," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to State Judges and State Courts, and for other purposes.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry," were read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to lie on the table.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the establishment of a turnpike company, in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time.

On the question that a third reading of the said bill be dispensed with,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said bill was then, on a motion made by Mr. Witherell, amended at the Clerk's table ;

And on the question that the same do pass, as amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House proceeded to the farther consideration of the bill making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, were the same being severally twice read, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table.

A motion was then made by Mr. Dawson, and seconded, that the House do reconsider their vote of agreement to the first amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to fill up the blank in the first section of the said bill, immediately preceding the word "dollars," with the words "two hundred thousand:"

And on the question for reconsideration,

It passed in the negative.

On the question that the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed for a third reading,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 54,
 { Nays 33.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 Burwell Bassett,
 William Blackledge,
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,¹
 John Campbell,
 John Clopton,
 John Culpeper,
 John Dawson,
 Joseph Desha,
 John W. Eppes,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 John Heister,
 William Hoge,
 David Holmes,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Philip B. Key,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,

Robert Marion,
 William McCreery,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Rhea, of Tennessee,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Taylor,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 John Blake, jun.
 Robert Brown,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Josiah Deane,
 William Ely,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Francis Gardner,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 James Holland,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hsley,

William Milnor,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 James Sloan,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, under certain conditions, to suspend the operation of the act, laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several supplementary acts thereto ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, under certain conditions, to suspend the operation of the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several supplementary acts thereto," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House

to the amendments of the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act concerning public contracts." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Summerl, Simon Philipson, William Hamon, Archibald M'Call, and Isaac Clason;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider a resolution proposed by Mr. Poindexter, which was read and ordered to lie on the table, on the eleventh instant; and the same being again read, and amended at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the conduct of Peter B. Bruin, a judge of the Superior Court of the Mississippi Territory, and report whether, in their opinion, he hath so acted, in his official capacity, as to require the interposition of the constitutional powers of this House; and that the said committee have power to send for persons, papers, and records.

Ordered, That Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Dana, Mr. Wharton, Mr. Howard, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, Mr. Calhoun, and Mr. John Campbell be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of an additional military force, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Summerl, Simon Philipson, William Hamon, Archibald McCall, and Isaac Clason," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, APRIL 19, 1808.

Ordered, That Mr. Carlton have leave to be absent from the service of this House from the twenty-second instant, and Mr. Taylor, from Thursday next, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the eighteenth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Barclay, deceased." Also, that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a further time, an act, entitled 'An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction;'" and another, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force an act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Taggart presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the county of Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts, to the same effect with the petitions of other inhabitants of the same State, presented on the eighteenth instant; which were received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

Mr. Clark, from the committee appointed on the fourteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the Governor of the Territory of Orleans to supply vacancies in the Legislative Council of that Territory; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Nicholas presented a petition of Richard Bland Lee, of the State of Virginia, praying that a bill now depending before the House, for the relief of the petitioner, may be taken into consideration, and decided on during the present session of Congress.

The said petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Rowan, from the committee appointed, on the thirty-first ultimo, to inquire into the official conduct of Harry Innes, district judge of the United States for the district of Kentucky, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill concerning invalid pensioners; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

An engrossed bill making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have postponed, until the next session of Congress, the farther consideration of the bill, entitled "An act to alter and establish certain post roads." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to suspend the operation of the act prohibiting the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise, and the acts supplementary thereto;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, under certain conditions, to suspend the operation of the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several supplementary acts thereto;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Key, and seconded, to amend the said bill, by striking out, after the words "in Congress assembled," in the first line, the words following, to wit: "That, in the event of such peace, or suspension of hostilities, between the belligerent Powers of Europe, or of such changes in their measures affecting neutral commerce, as may render that of the United States sufficiently safe, in the judgment of the President of the United States, he is hereby authorized, during the recess of Congress, to suspend, in whole or in part, the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, under such exceptions and restrictions, and on such bond and security being given, as the public interest and circumstances of the case may appear to require;" and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following words: "That, in the event of peace, or suspension of hostilities, between the belligerent Powers of Europe, or, in the event of the Governments of France or Great Britain officially rescinding their orders or decrees, affecting the neutral commerce of the United States, the President is hereby authorized and empowered to issue his proclamation, notifying such event or events having taken place; and, from the date of such proclamation, the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed."

The question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{Yeas} \dots\dots\dots 23, \\ \text{Nays} \dots\dots\dots 70. \end{array} \right.$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Culpeper,
Daniel M. Durrell,
James M. Garnett,
W. John Hoge,
John G. Jackson,

Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,

John Randolph,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Samuel Smith,

Richard Stanford,
Samuel Taggart,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Curtis,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holliand,
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,

William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,
William McCreery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Clement Storer,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
James I. Van Allen,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehall,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Richard Winn,
James Withereil.

A motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, to amend the bill, by striking out, after the word "that," in the second line, to the end of the bill, the words following, to wit: "In the event of such peace, or suspension of hostilities between the belligerent Powers of Europe, or of such changes in their measures affecting neutral commerce as may render that of the United States sufficiently safe, in the judgment of the President of the United States, he is hereby authorized, during the recess of Congress, to suspend, in whole or in part, the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, under such exceptions and restrictions, and on such bond and security being given, as the public interest and circumstances of the case may appear to require: *Provided*, such suspension shall not extend beyond twenty days after the next meeting of Congress," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the following words: "The act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, shall be repealed, so far as they prohibit trade with France and her dependencies, and States associated in common cause with her, so soon as the United States shall be exempted from the operation of her decrees, of the twenty-first of November, one thousand eight hundred and six, and the seventeenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and the President of the United States shall have been informed thereof, and shall have received assurances that the existing stipulations between the United States and France shall be respected by her.

"*And be it further enacted*, That the said acts shall be repealed, so far as they prohibit trade with Great Britain and her dependencies, and States associated in common cause with her, so soon as her Orders of Council, of November last, shall be revoked: so far as they affect the commerce of the United States, and the President of the United

States shall have received official assurances thereof, and that the neutral rights of the United States shall be respected by her : and the President of the United States shall be, and he hereby is, authorized and required, on the receipt of such assurances from either of the two belligerents, to notify the same forthwith, by proclamation ; whereupon, the embargo shall be raised in regard to such belligerent : And if such assurances be received from both the said belligerents, proclamation shall in like manner be forthwith issued ; whereupon, the act aforesaid, and the several acts supplementary thereto, shall cease and determine."

The question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 26,
Nays 73.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,

Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Barl,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,

William M'Creery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, to amend the said bill by striking out therefrom, in the fourth line, the words "in whole or in part," and, in the sixth and seventh lines, the words, "under such exceptions and restrictions, and on such bond and security being given as the public interest and circumstances of the case may appear to require."

A division of the question on the said amendment was called for : Whereupon,

The question being taken upon the first member of the said proposed amendment to strike out the words "in whole or in part ;"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 43,
 { Nays 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are, -

William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
William A. Burwell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,

Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
Archibald Van Horn,
Kilhan K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
John Blake, jun.
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppea,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Daniel Halsey,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,

William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Willbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Withereil.

The question was then taken upon the second member of the said proposed amendment, to strike out the words "under such exceptions and restrictions, and on such bond and security being given as the public interest and circumstances of the case may appear to require;"

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 45,
 { Nays 59.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William W. Ribb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
William A. Burwell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,

Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
John Blake, jun.
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,
William M'Cree,

John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

A motion was made by Mr. Blount, to amend the said bill, by inserting next after the word "not," and before the word "extend," in the seventh line, the words, "take effect until the eleventh day from and after the date of the proclamation by which the same shall be announced, nor:"

And the question being taken thereupon,
It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Lewis to amend the bill, by adding to the end thereof, a new section, as a second section, in the words following, to wit :

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, from and after the first day of May next, the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker decided that the motion of Mr. Lewis, to add a new section to the end of the bill, was not in order, it being a substitute, and, by a standing rule and order of the House, it is declared, "that no new motion or proposition shall be admitted, under color of amendment, as a substitute for the motion or proposition under debate;"

From which decision of the chair.

An appeal to the House was made by two members :

And on the question, "Is the said decision of the Chair correct?"

It was resolved in the affirmative.

No other amendment being proposed to the said bill, it was

Ordered, That the same be now read the third time.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass.

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 60,
 { Nays 38.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson.

William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Robert Marion,
William M'Cree,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

**William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
Epaphroditus Champion.**

**John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.**

William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.

Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
John Rowan,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, to amend the title of the said bill, by striking out the words, "under certain conditions :"

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and inform them that it has passed the House without amendment.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Bibb, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing the following post roads in the State of Georgia, viz : From Darien, by John Jones's, to Milledgeville, and from thence to Athens ; from Sparta to Milledgeville, and from thence by Jones's Court House, to the garrison on Oakmulgee ; from Milledgeville to Putnam Court House, and from thence to Morgan Court House, and to Randolph Court House.

A motion was made by Mr. Blackledge, and seconded, to amend the same, by adding to the end thereof the following words : "and that the committee be also directed to report a bill for discontinuing the several unproductive routes reported to Congress by the Postmaster General at the present session :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Gardner, and seconded, to amend the said proposed resolution, by adding to the end thereof the following words : "In New Hampshire, from Portsmouth, through Durham, Concord, Hopkinton, Heniker, Hillsborough, Leinster, and Acworth, to Charlestown :"

And, on the question that the House do agree to the said amendment.

It passed in the negative.

The question was then taken on the resolution as originally proposed by Mr. Bibb,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Bibb, Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and Mr. Green, be appointed a committee, pursuant to said resolution.

Mr. David R. Williams, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the nineteenth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills : one, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a further time, an act, entitled 'An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction ;' and another, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force an act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia."

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act concerning public contracts," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Fiak, from the committee to whom was referred, on the second ultimo, a petition of James Jay, of the State of New York, made a report thereon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read : Whereupon,

The resolution contained therein being read the second time, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That it is expedient to authorize the President of the United States to purchase, for the use of the public, of James Jay, his invention of a system of secret correspondence :

A motion was made by Mr. John Montgomery, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said report be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Cutts presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Castine, in the district of Maine, and State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a mail may be established from Camden by water once a week to Castine ; and from Castine, through Buckstown, once a week, to Bangor, in the said State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Rowan, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider the report of the committee appointed to inquire into the official conduct of Harry Innes, District Judge of the United States for the State of Kentucky ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table, on the nineteenth instant : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the said report be committed to a committee of the Whole House :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 48,
 { Nays 25.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
Reuben Humphreys,
Walter Jones,

John Lambert,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Jacob Richards,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
Joseph Desha,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
William Hoge,
James Holland,

David Holmes,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Thomas Newbold,

Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
John Rowan,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,

John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
David R. Williams,
James Witherell.

Resolved, That the said report be the order of the day for Friday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the following bills, to which they desire the concurrence of this House ; one, entitled " An act to make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry, and to change the name of the District of Nanjemoy to that of St. Mary's ;" another, entitled " An act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress ;" and another, entitled " An act in addition to the act, entitled ' An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, and for other purposes.' " The Senate have passed two bills sent from this House : one, entitled " An act to continue in force an act, entitled ' An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to State Judges and State Courts,' and for other purposes ;" and another, entitled " An act for the relief of Matthew Smith and Darius Gates, jointly, and Darius Gates, separately ;" without amendment. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 1808.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Bibb, from the committee appointed the twentieth instant, presented, according to order, a bill to establish certain post roads in the State of Georgia ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the twentieth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled " An act concerning public contracts ;" also, that the committee had examined two enrolled bills : one, entitled " An act to continue in force an act, entitled ' An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to State Judges and State Courts,' and for other purposes ;" and another, entitled " An act for the relief of Matthew Smith and Darius Gates, jointly, and Darius Gates, separately ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the committee appointed, on the eighteenth instant, to inquire into the conduct of Peter B. Bruin, a Judge of the Superior Court of the Mississippi Territory, and report whether, in their opinion, he hath so acted in his official capacity as to require the interposition of the constitutional powers of this House, made a report thereon : which was read : Whereupon,

The resolution contained therein being amended at the Clerk's table, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That George Poindexter, Chairman of the said committee, be authorized to cause to be taken before a magistrate or other proper officer, such depositions in relation to the official conduct of the said Judge as, in his judgment, may be material to the inquiry ; having first notified the said Bruin of the time and place, or places, of taking such depositions, so that he may give his attendance ; and that the depositions so taken be laid before Congress at their next session.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. John Montgomery, from the committee to whom were referred, on the twentieth of February and tenth of March last, the memorials of the officers and surgeons of the Navy of the United States, reported a bill, in addition to the act, entitled " An act supplementary to the act, entitled ' An act providing for a Naval Peace Establishment, and for other purposes ;" which was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Wilbour,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the eighth instant, a memorial of the freemen of the town of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, be discharged from the consideration thereof ; and that the said memorial be referred to the Secretary

of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Gardner, from the committee appointed on the eighteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress; which was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the petition of Edmund Briggs, of the State of Massachusetts, referred to him by order of the House, on the seventh ultimo; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Wharton have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from the twenty-fourth instant, for the remainder of the session.

An engrossed bill concerning invalid pensioners was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act concerning invalid pensioners."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of an additional military force for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President did, on the twelfth instant, approve and sign "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force:" on the nineteenth instant, "An act to continue in force, for a further time, an act, entitled 'An act for the more effectual preservation of peace in the ports and harbors of the United States, and in the waters under their jurisdiction;'" and, on the twentieth instant, "An act to revive and continue in force 'An act declaring the assent of Congress to certain acts of the States of Maryland and Georgia.'"

On motion of Mr. John Montgomery, and seconded,

Ordered, That the committee appointed, on the second of December last, to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, amendments are necessary to the laws for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States, be discharged from the farther consideration of the same.

Mr. Stanford, from the committee to whom was recommitted, on the fifth instant, the bill to make good a deficit in the appropriation of one thousand eight hundred and seven, and to make a further appropriation for completing the South Wing of the Capitol, and for other purposes, presented the said bill without amendment; also, a detailed report of the circumstances which produced the deficit in the appropriation for public buildings, and how far it may be consistent with the public interest to abolish the office of Surveyor of the Public Buildings; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and, together with the report, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

An engrossed bill to establish certain post roads in the State of Georgia was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to establish certain post roads in the State of Georgia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time; and,

On motion,

The said bill was read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 61.
Nays 30.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calkoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
John W. Eppea,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Isaiah L. Green,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,

William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedekiah K. Smith,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Robert Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
John Davenport, junior,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
Daniel Hsley,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,

Robert Marion,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Thomas Moore,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
John Rowan,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Jesse Wharton,
David R. Williams.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry, and to change the name of the district of Nanjemoy to that of St. Mary's," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' and the several acts supplementary thereto, and for other purposes," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to suspend the operation of the act prohibiting the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise, and the acts supplementary thereto," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. John Montgomery, and seconded, that the House do now proceed to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry :"

The question was taken thereupon,

And passed in the negative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government during the present year, and making an appropriation for defraying the expenses incident to the valuation of houses and lands, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

Mr. Randolph, from the committee appointed on the fourth of December last, presented, according to order, a bill to amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Macon, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to report to this House, at the next session of Congress, every sum of money which has been drawn from the Treasury of the United States, and not accounted for on the thirtieth day of June next.

The House proceeded to consider the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Philip Turner," to which the Committee of the Whole House reported no amendment on the fourteenth instant: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the bill be now read the third time;

The said bill was accordingly read the third time.

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill relinquishing to the corporation of the city of New Orleans, the right of the United States to the batture in the front of the suburb of St. Mary's, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table: Whereupon;

A motion was made by Mr. Clark, to amend the same, by adding to the end thereof, a new section, in the words following:

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the claim of the corporation of the city of New Orleans, to the commons adjacent to the said city, and within six hundred yards from the fortifications of the same, be, and the same are hereby, recognized and confirmed: *Provided*, That the said corporation shall, within six months after passing this act, relinquish and release any claim they may have to such commons beyond the distance of six hundred yards aforesaid: *Provided, also*, That the corporation shall reserve for the purpose and convey gratuitously for the public benefit, to the company authorized by the Legislature of the Territory of Orleans, as much of the said commons as shall be necessary to continue the canal of Carondelet, from the present basin to the Mississippi, and shall not dispose of, for the purpose of building thereon, any lot within sixty feet of the space reserved for a canal, which shall forever remain open as a public highway: *And provided, also*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect

or impair the rights of any individual, or individuals, to the said commons, which are derived from any grant of the French or Spanish Government.

A motion was then made by Mr. Rowan, and seconded, that the bill, with the amendment proposed thereto, be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 29,
 { Nays 58.

The yeas and yeas being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Culpeper,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
James Fisk,
Charles Goldsborough,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Kelly,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
William Milnor,

John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,

John Love,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creeery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
James Witherell.

The said amendment being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do reconsider their vote on the question to postpone the said bill and amendment *indefinitely* :

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY. APRIL 22. 1808.

Mr. Ely presented several petitions of sundry inhabitants of the county of Hampshire, in the State of Massachusetts, to the same effect with the petitions of other inhabitants of the same county and State, presented on the eighteenth instant; which were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made by Mr. Blackledge, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a communication by mail between Shell Castle Island, at Ocracock Inlet, in the State of North Carolina, and some of the post towns on the waters discharging themselves through that inlet:

The House proceeded to consider the said proposed resolution; and the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of an additional military force, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of an additional military force, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government during the present year, and making an appropriation for defraying the expenses incident to the valuation of houses and lands, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government during the present year, and making an appropriation for defraying the expenses incident to the valuation of houses and lands, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government during the present year, and making an appropriation for defraying the expenses incident to the valuation of houses and lands, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States," without amendment. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House: Also, the bill, entitled "An act to establish certain post roads in the State of Georgia," with several amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize and require the President of the United States to cause to be prepared for service the frigates and other armed vessels of the United States;" also, a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of George Hunter;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the eighteenth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act for the relief of the legal representatives of Thomas Barclay, deceased;" also, on the twenty-first instant, the following acts which also originated in this House, to wit:

"An act concerning public contracts;"

"An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to State Judges and State Courts, and for other purposes;'" and

"An act for the relief of Matthew Smith and Darius Gates, jointly, and Darius Gates, separately."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the twenty-first instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit: one, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, under certain restrictions, to suspend the operation of the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of

the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto;" another, entitled "An act to continue in force an act, entitled 'An act to extend jurisdiction, in certain cases, to State Judges and State Courts, and for other purposes,'" another, entitled "An act for the establishment of a turnpike company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia;" and another, entitled "An act for the relief of Matthew Smith and Darius Gates, jointly, and Darius Gates, separately;" also that the committee had examined three enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States;" another, entitled "An act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress;" and another, entitled "An act for the relief of Philip Turner;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, and for other purposes,'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments: Whereupon,

The second amendment to add a new section as the second section of the bill, being read, in the words following, to wit:

"Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, during the continuance of the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, no ship or vessel, of any description whatever, and wherever bound, shall receive a clearance unless the lading shall be made under the inspection of the proper revenue officers, subject to the same restrictions, regulations, penalties, and forfeitures, as are provided by law for the inspection of goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, upon which duties are imposed: any law to the contrary notwithstanding."

A motion was made by Mr. Goldsborough, that the farther consideration of the said bill, with the amendments, be postponed until to-morrow;

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. David R. Williams, to amend the said amendment by inserting, after the words "shall be made," the words "hereafter;"

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Bassett farther to amend the said amendment, by inserting after the words "of any description whatever," the words, "other than those described in the next preceding section:"

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

And then the main question being put, that the House do agree to the said first amendment, reported from the Committee of the Whole House as so amended,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Ycas 74,
 { Nays 20.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,

William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,

James Fisk,
 Francis Gardner,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Daniel Hsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,*
 Walter Jones,
 John Lambert,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creery,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,

Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David D. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Campbell,
 George Clinton, jun.
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 William Ely,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 William Hoge,
 James Kelly,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.

Matthew Lyon,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

The third and fourth amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House, being twice read, were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The fifth amendment to add a new section as the eleventh section of the bill, being twice read, in the words following, to wit :

" Sec. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That the collectors of the customs be, and they are hereby respectively authorized to detain any vessel ostensibly bound with a cargo to some other port of the United States, whenever, in their opinion, the intention is to violate or evade any of the provisions of the acts laying an embargo, until the decision of the President of the United States be had thereupon :"

The question was taken that the House do agree to the said third amendment,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 64,
 { Nays 25.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 David Bard,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 Robert Brown,

William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Howell Cobb,
 Richard Cutts,
 Josiah Deane,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,

Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
John Lambert,
Edward Lloyd,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,

Thomas Newbold,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
James Kelly,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,

Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

A motion was made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that when the House adjourn it will adjourn to meet at five o'clock in the afternoon.

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House then adjourned until five o'clock P. M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 22—Five o'clock, P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

The message, in writing, this day received from the President of the United States; was read, and is as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I transmit to both Houses of Congress a letter from the Envoy of his Britannic Majesty at this place to the Secretary of State, on the subject of certain British claims to lands in the Territory of Mississippi, relative to which several acts have been heretofore passed by the Legislature.

TH. JEFFERSON.

APRIL 22, 1808.

Ordered, That the said message be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' and the several acts supplementary thereto, and for other purposes :—" Whereupon,

The sixth amendment to add a new section as the twelfth section of the bill being twice read, in the words following, to wit :

"Sec. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That, if any unusual deposite of provisions, lumber, or other articles of domestic growth or manufacture, shall have been, or shall be made in any of the ports of the United States, the Collector of the District shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to take the same in his custody, and not to permit such articles to be removed until bond, with sufficient sureties, shall have been given for the landing or delivery of the same in some port or place of the United States."

The question was taken that the House do agree to the said sixth amendment,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 58,
 { Nays 36.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Birwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Peterson Goodwyn,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,

John Lambert,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
John Blake, jun.
Adam Boyd,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Reuben Humphreys,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Josiah Masters,

William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Allen,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

The seventh amendment to add a new section as the thirteenth section of the bill, being twice read in the words following, to wit :

"Sec. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That any ship or vessel, owned by a citizen or citizens of the United States, loaded, or in part loaded, with the produce of the United States, before the act laying an embargo was passed, and by said act detained in any port of the United States, may be permitted to proceed to any other port of the United States, and there to remain with such cargo on board, subject to such other restrictions and bonds as are prescribed in the act laying an embargo, and the several supplementary acts thereto :"

The question was taken that the House do agree to the said seventh amendment,
And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 83,
 } Nays 6.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,

John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creeery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Adam Boyd,
William Hoge,
Joseph Lewis, jr.

John Rowan,
James Sloan,
Jedediah K. Smith.

The eighth amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The ninth amendment to add a new section as the fifteenth section of the bill being amended to read in the words following, to wit :

"Sec. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, or in the several acts supplementary thereto, or in the act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise, shall be construed to prevent the exportation by land or inland navigation from the Territories of the United States into those of Great Britain, of the furs and peltries the property of subjects of Great Britain, and by them purchased from the Indians ; or to prevent the importation by land or inland navigation from the Territories of Great Britain into those of the United States, of merchandise the property of British subjects, and by them imported solely for the use of the Indians aforesaid."

The question was taken that the House do agree to the said ninth amendment, as amended,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 69,
 { Nays 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Robert Brown,
George W. Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
George Clinton, jun.
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Walter Jones,

William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Robert Marion,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Culpeper,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,

James Fisk,
John Harris,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,

William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Roger Nelson,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
John Rowan,

James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Clement Storer,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Sundry propositions of amendment to the said bill were then made, and the question being severally taken thereupon, some were agreed to, and others disagreed to, by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry, and to change the name of the District of Nanjemoy to that of St. Mary's;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storer reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, to amend the bill, by striking out the second section thereof:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments of the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to establish certain post roads in the State of Georgia;" and the same being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of George Hunter," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize and require the President of the United States to cause to be prepared for service the frigates and armed vessels of the United States," was read the first time.

A motion was then made that the said bill be now read the second time;

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1808.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the twenty-second instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress;" and another, entitled "An act for the relief of Philip Turner." Also, that the committee had examined two enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government, during the present year, and making an appropriation for defraying the expenses incident to the valuation of houses and lands and the enumeration of slaves within the United States;" and another, entitled "An act to establish certain post roads in the States of Georgia and Ohio;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made by Mr. Tallmadge, that the House do agree to the following order, which being read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do cause to be bound as many sets of the documents accompanying the messages of the President of the United States, of the twenty-second and thirtieth of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, together with copies of the report of a committee of the Senate, made on the sixteenth instant, as shall be sufficient to furnish each member of the House of Representatives with one copy, and that the same be delivered to them at the commencement of the next session of Congress.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred, on the second of February last, the petition of William Biggs, of the Illinois country, made a report thereon ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry, and to change the District of Nanjemoy to that of St. Mary's," was read the third time ; and the same being amended at the Clerk's table,

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry ; to change the name of the District of Nanjemoy to that of St. Mary's ; and to make Augusta, in the District of Maine, a port of delivery."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence in the amendments proposed thereto.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of George Hunter," was read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, and for other purposes,' together with the amendments agreed thereto, on the twenty-first instant, was read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 73,
 { Nays 26.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,

James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,

Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,

Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Adam Boyd,
John Campbell,
John Culpeper,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Josiah Masters,

William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry, and to change the name of the District of Nanjemoy to that of St. Mary's." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Richard Sparks ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the twenty-first instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the establishment of a Turnpike Company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia ;" and, on the twenty-second instant, three acts, which also originated in the Senate : one, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States, under certain conditions, to suspend the operation of the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto ;" and another, entitled "An act for the relief of Philip Turner ;" and another, entitled "An act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress." And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize and require the President of the United States to cause to be prepared for service the frigates and other armed vessels of the United States," was read the second time : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that the same be postponed indefinitely :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 40,
 { Nays 52.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Thomas Blount,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
William Findley,

James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,

Daniel Montgomery, junior,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 John Pugh,
 John Randolph,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,

Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Taylor,
 Abram Trigg,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 David R. Williams,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
 John Blake, jun.
 Adam Boyd,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 John Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Davenport, junior,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 William Ely,
 James Fisk,
 Francis Gardner,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 John Love,
 Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,

John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Porter,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 James Witherell.

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Willis Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

A motion was then made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, that the said bill be postponed *indefinitely*:

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 55,
 { Nays 42.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 William W. Bibb,
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,

Joseph Calhoun,
 John Clopton,
 Howell Cobb,
 John Culpeper,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James M. Garnett,
 Peterson Goodwyn,

John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,

Roger Nelson,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horn,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
George Clinton, jun.
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Isaiah L. Green,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
John G. Jackson,
James Kelly,
Joseph Lewis, junior,

Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*.
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Allen,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Isaac Wilbour.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to make good a deficit in the appropriation of eighteen hundred and seven; and to make a further appropriation for completing the South wing of the Capitol, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments at the Clerk's table; and having made some progress therein,

A motion was made by Mr. Smilie, that when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at five o'clock, this afternoon.

The House then adjourned until five o'clock, P. M.

SATURDAY, APRIL 23—Five o'clock, P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill to make good a deficit in the appropriation of eighteen hundred and seven, and to make a further appropriation for completing the South wing of the Capitol, and for other purposes: Whereupon,

The first amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to fill up the first blank in the bill with the words fifty-one thousand five hundred dollars, was, on the question put thereupon,

Agreed to by the House, { Yeas 75,
 { Nays 14.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, junior,
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 John Clopton,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Davenport, jr.
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 William Ely,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Francis Gardner,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Joseph Lewis, jr.

Matthew Lyon,
 Robert Marion,
 William M'Creery,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rhea, of Tennessee,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 John Russell,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William A. Burwell,
 John Dawson,
 James M. Garnett,
 William Hoge,
 John G. Jackson,

Nathaniel Macon,
 Josiah Masters,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Randolph,
 John Rowan,
 Samuel Smith,
 David R. Williams.

The other amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House, being again read, the third, fourth, fifth, and sixth amendments were agreed to, and the second amendment was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and, together with the amendments agreed to, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time this day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a committee of the whole House, on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled " An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the Comptroller of the Treasury, in trust, the amount of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, Minister from the United States to the Court of France, on the Treasury of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee

had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which were twice read, and on the question severally put thereupon agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time on Monday next.

On a motion made by Mr. Cutts, and seconded, that the House do now, according to the order of the day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize and empower the President of the United States to exchange the lands, whereon the fort and battery now stand in the town of Portland, for lands more suitable for fortification, and the protection of said harbor and town of Portland, in the District of Maine :

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, APRIL 25, 1808.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the twenty-third instant, present to the President of the United States, two enrolled bills : one, entitled " An act making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government for defraying the expenses incident to valuation of houses and lands, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States ;" and another, entitled " An act to establish certain post roads in the States of Georgia and Ohio ;" also, that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit : one, entitled " An act to make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry ; to change the name of the district of Nanjemoy to that of St. Mary's ; and to make Augusta, in the District of Maine, a port of delivery ;" another, entitled " An act concerning invalid pensioners ;" another, entitled " An act making appropriations for the support of an additional military force, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight ; and another, entitled " An act for the relief of George Hunter ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a letter to him from the Comptroller of the Treasury, with sundry statements marked A, B, and C, prepared in pursuance of the seventh section of the " Act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coins of the United States ;" which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, required to report to this House, at the next session of Congress, the amount of the fees and emoluments received during the present year, by the collectors, naval officers, and surveyors, of the customs, respectively, and whether, under existing circumstances, any addition ought, in his opinion, to be made thereto.

Mr. Quincy, from the committee to whom were referred, on the ninth and fifteenth of February last, two messages, in writing, from the President of the United States, relative to our affairs with the Dey and Regency of Algiers, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled " An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the Comptroller of the Treasury, in trust, the amount of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, Minister from the United States to the court of France, on the Treasury of the United States."

Mr. Smilie presented to the House a petition of James G. Laidley, and others, citizens of Wood county, in the State of Virginia, stating, that the petitioners were summoned as a venire on the trial of Aaron Burr, at Richmond, in the month of July last ; that they have not received full compensation for their attendance and expenses ; and praying that Congress will grant such additional allowance, as, in their wisdom, may be deemed just and proper.

The said petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Clark, the Delegate from the Territory of Orleans, presented to the House certain papers, containing additional information relative to the official conduct of Brigadier General James Wilkinson, which were read : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the said papers be printed for the use of the members :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 52,
Nays 30.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jr.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
John Harris,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,

Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Joseph Calhoun,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Fisk,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,

William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Newbold,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Matthias Richards,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
James I. Van Allen,
Richard Winn,
James Withierell.

On motion of Mr. Kelly, and seconded,

Resolved, That the papers and information relative to the conduct of General James Wilkinson, which have been this day communicated to this House by Daniel Clark, Esq. be transmitted to the President of the United States.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the Comptroller of the Treasury, in trust, the amount of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, Minister from the United States to the Court of France, on the Treasury of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled. Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Holmes, from the committee to whom was referred, on the fourteenth of December last, a report of the Secretary of State, on a message from the President of the United States, of the sixth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, relating to the claim of Caron de Beaumarchais, made a report thereon; which was read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims be discharged from the farther consideration of the said message and report.

An engrossed bill to make good a deficit in the appropriation of one thousand eight hundred and seven, and to make a further appropriation for completing the South wing of the Capitol, and for other purposes, was read the third time;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 73,
Nays 8.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.

John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creeery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Matthias Richards,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Allen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Robert Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Adam Boyd,
William A. Burwell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Dawson,

James M. Garnett,
Nathaniel Macon,
John Randolph,
Jacob Richards.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to make good a deficit in the appropriation of one thousand eight hundred and seven, for completing the public buildings, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled " An act in addition to the act for laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, and for other purposes," with amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments to the amendments ; and the same being severally twice read, were agreed to.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to authorize and empower the President of the United States to exchange the lands whereon the Fort and Battery now stand in the town of Portland, for lands more suitable for fortification, and protection of the said harbor and town of Portland, in the District of Maine ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled " An act for the relief of Joseph Chase, Jared Gardner, and others ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The said bill was then read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplemental to " An act regulating the grants of land in the Territory of Michigan ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

An engrossed bill to authorize and empower the President of the United States to exchange the lands whereon the fort and battery now stand in the town of Portland, for lands more suitable for fortification, and the protection of said harbor and town of Portland, in the District of Maine, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, " An act to authorize and empower the President of the United States to exchange the land whereon the fort and battery now stand in the town of Portland, for lands more suitable for fortification, and the protection of said harbor and town of Portland, in the District of Maine."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Quincy presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the town Ipswich, and its vicinity, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating the losses and inconveniences to which the memorialists are subjected in consequence of the present embargo, by being prevented from fitting out and employing vessels in the fishing business ; and praying such redress in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated, officers and soldiers of the army of the United States ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the same.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit : one, entitled "An act to make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry, to change the name of the District of Nanjemoy to that of St. Mary's, and to make Augusta, in the District of Maine, a port of delivery ;" another, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners ;" another, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of an additional military force for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight ;" and another, entitled "An act for the relief of George Hunter."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to make good a deficit in the appropriation of eighteen hundred and seven, for completing the public buildings, and for other purposes," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, required to report to this House, at the next Session of Congress, the amount of the fees and emoluments received during the present year, by the Collectors, Naval Officers, and Surveyors of the Customs, respectively ; and whether, under existing circumstances, any addition ought, in his opinion, to be made thereto.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to change the boundaries of the land districts in the Territory of Indiana, and to continue, for a further time, the authority of the Commissioners of Kaskaskia ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Willis Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the same.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-third instant, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit :

"An act making provision for arming and equipping the whole body of the militia of the United States ;"

"An act establishing certain post roads in the States of Georgia and Ohio ;"

"An act making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in an appropriation for the support of Government during the present year ; and making an appropriation for defraying the expenses incident to the valuation of houses and lands, and the enumeration of slaves within the United States ;" also, that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House, to wit :

"An act concerning invalid pensioners ;" and

"An act making appropriations for the support of an additional military force for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning Courts Martial and Courts of Inquiry : " Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

An engrossed bill supplemental to "An act regulating the grants of land in the Territory of Michigan," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplemental to "An act regulating the grants of land in the Territory of Michigan."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to make good a deficit in the appropriation of eighteen hundred

and seven, and to make a further appropriation for completing the public buildings, and for other purposes." Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the first and third amendments, and doth disagree to the second amendment of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize and empower the President of the United States to exchange the lands whereon the fort and battery now stand in the town of Portland, for lands more suitable for fortification, and the protection of said harbor and town of Portland, in the District of Maine," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments of the Senate : Whereupon, *Resolved*, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, and seconded,

Resolved, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet at five o'clock this afternoon.

Ordered, That Mr. Randolph have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Smilie, and seconded,

Ordered, That there be a call of the House this afternoon, at six o'clock.

The House then adjourned until five o'clock, P. M.

MONDAY, APRIL 25—Five o'clock, P. M.

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the punishment of certain crimes and offences against the United States," being called for,

A motion was made and seconded that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Richard Sparks," being called for,

A motion was made and seconded that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the preservation of peace, and maintenance of the authority of the United States, in the ports, harbors, and waters, under their jurisdiction," being called for,

A motion was made and seconded that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the President of the United States to suspend the operation of the act prohibiting the importation of certain goods, wares, and merchandise, and the acts supplementary thereto," being called for,

A motion was made and seconded that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendments of the Senate to the bill entitled "An act to incorporate the Trustees of the Baptist Church, in the City of Washington," being called for,

A motion was made and seconded that the farther consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act fixing the Military Peace Establishment of the United States,' being called for,

A motion was made and seconded that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Summerl, Simon Philipson, William Hamon, Archibald McCall, and Isaac Clason, being called for,

A motion was made and seconded that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act making provision for registering certain claims to lands lying in the State of Tennessee," being called for,

A motion was made and seconded that the further consideration of the said bill be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force the nineteenth section of an act, entitled 'An act to ascertain and fix the Military Peace Establishment of the United States, and to extend the provisions thereof,' being called for,

A motion was made and seconded that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to 'An act regulating the grants of land in the Territory of Michigan,' without amendment. The Senate recede from their second amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act to make good a deficit in the appropriation of eighteen hundred and seven, for completing the public buildings, and for other purposes." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined several enrolled bills, to wit : one, entitled "An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the Comptroller of the Treasury, in trust, the amount of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, Minister of the United States to the Court of France, on the Treasury of the United States ;" another, entitled "An act to authorize and empower the President of the United States to exchange certain lands for other lands more suitable for fortification ;" another, entitled "An act to make good a deficit in the appropriation of eighteen hundred and seven, for completing the public buildings, and for other purposes ;" another, entitled "An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, and for other purposes ;" another, entitled "An act for the relief of Joseph Chase, Jared Gardner, and others ;" and another, entitled "An act supplemental to 'An act regulating the grants of land in the Territory of Michigan ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled. Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Macon and Mr. George Washington Campbell have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. George Washington Campbell, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed on the part of this House, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him of the proposed adjournment of Congress ; and that Mr. George Washington Campbell and Mr. Nicholas be the said committee.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, six enrolled bills last reported to have been examined.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the resolution of this House for the appointment of a joint committee to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him of the proposed adjournment of Congress, and have appointed a committee on their part. I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in the Senate, to wit :

“ An act to make Plymouth, in North Carolina, a port of entry ; to change the name of the District of Nanjemoy to that of St. Mary’s ; and to make Augusta, in the District of Maine, a port of delivery ; ”

“ An act for the relief of George Hunter ; ”

“ An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the Comptroller of the Treasury, in trust, the amount of certain bills drawn by John Armstrong, Minister from the United States to the Court of France, on the Treasury of the United States ; ”

“ An act in addition to the act, entitled ‘ An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, and for other purposes ; and

“ An act for the relief of Joseph Chase, Jared Gardner, and others. ” And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit :

“ An act to authorize and empower the President of the United States to exchange certain lands for other lands more suitable for fortification ; ”

“ An act to make good a deficit in the appropriation of eighteen hundred and seven, for completing the public buildings, and for other purposes ; ” and

“ An act supplemental to ‘ An act regulating the grants of lands in the Territory of Michigan. ”

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Blount, and seconded,

Ordered, That the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-fifth ultimo, a written message from the President of the United States, respecting the execution of the act for fortifying the ports and harbors of the United States, be discharged from the farther consideration thereof.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred, on the twenty-second instant, a written message from the President of the United States, transmitting a letter from the Envoy of his Britannic Majesty to the Secretary of State, on the subject of certain British claims to lands in the Territory of Mississippi, be discharged from the consideration of the same.

On a motion made by Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, that the House do come to a resolution, which he delivered in at the Clerk’s table, where the same being read, and amended on motion of Mr. Blount, was agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be authorized to settle and adjust the accounts of Thomas Claxton, jun. and James Claxton, for their services during the present session, and allow them a sum out of the contingent fund of this House, not exceeding one hundred dollars each.

On motion of Mr. Van Rensselaer, that the House do come to a resolution, which he delivered in at the Clerk’s table, where the same being read, and amended on motion of Mr. Nelson, was agreed to by the House, as followeth :

Resolved, That the Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to pay, out of the contingent fund, to Elextius Spalding, John Philips, Richard Stewart, George Cooper, and William Gray, each fifty dollars, for extra services performed during the present session.

On a motion made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the House of Representatives are fully convinced of the propriety of promoting manufactures in the United States ; and, with that view, recommend that each member, at the next session, be clothed in the manufacture of his own country :

And, on the question, that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration,

It passed in the negative.

Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the committee appointed on the part of this House, jointly, with a committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him of the proposed adjournment of Congress, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them, that he had no farther communication to make to Congress during the present session.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the Senate, having completed the legislative business before them, are now ready to adjourn. And then he withdrew.

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to acquaint them that this House, having finished the business before them, are now about to adjourn until the day appointed by law for the next meeting of Congress ; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Clerk, accordingly, went with the said message ; and, being returned,

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House until the first Monday in November next.

A SUPPLEMENTAL JOURNAL

Of such Proceedings of the First Session of the Tenth Congress, as, during the time they were depending, were ordered to be kept secret, and respecting which the injunction of secrecy was afterwards taken off by order of the House.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1807.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

The communications now made, shewing the great and increasing dangers with which our vessels, our seamen, and merchandise, are threatened, on the high seas, and elsewhere, from the belligerent Powers of Europe ; and it being of the greatest importance to keep in safety these essential resources, I deem it my duty to recommend the subject to the consideration of Congress, who will doubtless perceive all the advantage which may be expected from an inhibition of the departure of our vessels from the ports of the United States.

Their wisdom will also see the necessity of making every preparation for whatever events may grow out of the present crisis.

I ask a return of the letters of Messrs. Armstrong and Champagny, which it would be improper to make public.

TH. JEFFERSON.

DECEMBER 18, 1807.

On motion of Mr. Holland, and seconded by Mr. M. Clay,

The said message, and documents accompanying it, were severally read.

Ordered, That the letters referred to in said message be returned to the President of the United States, agreeably to his request.

On motion of Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution ;

Resolved, That an embargo be laid on all shipping, the property of citizens of the United States, now in port, or which shall hereafter arrive :

And the question being put, that the House do agree to the said resolution, and on the question thereupon, the yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present, and debate arising, a motion was made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, that the resolution do lie on the table :

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have, in confidence, directed me to inform this honorable House that they have passed a bill, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States," in which bill they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The said bill was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union on this day.

On motion of Mr. Crowninshield, and seconded,

Resolved, That this House will immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States."

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1807.

On motion of Mr. Stanford, and seconded,

That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred the bill, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States," be discharged from the consideration thereof :

And after debate on the said motion, the question was taken thereupon, and passed in the negative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, but not having time to go through the same, had directed him to ask for leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday morning, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States."

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1807.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill from the Senate, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, with several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion being made by Mr. Crowninshield, and seconded, to amend the amendment reported by the Committee of the Whole House, by striking out the words "letters of marque excepted," and the word "retained," in the tenth line of the amendment, and insert the word "re-landed," and the word "retained," in the twelfth line, and insert the word "re-landed : " Whereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read a third time this day : Whereupon,

The question was stated, that the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States," together with the amendments agreed to, do pass.

A motion being made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, to amend the said bill, by adding a new section thereto, in the words following :

"And be it further enacted, That nothing in this act shall be construed to prohibit the sailing of any ship or vessel duly enrolled or licensed for carrying on the fisheries, with the usual tackle, apparel, and supplies, customary on a fishing voyage : *Provided*, That bond, with sufficient security, be previously given, that such ship or vessel shall not directly or indirectly carry on any commerce whatsoever, during the voyage, and shall return with her fishing fare to some port or place within the United States:"

And on the question thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 45,
 { Nays 82.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,

Joseph Barker,
Peter Carlton,

Epaphroditus Champion,
 John Chandler,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Orchard Cook,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Josiah Deane,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 William Hoge,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 Nehemiah Knight,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 David Bard,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 John Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Howell Cobb,
 John Dawson,
 Joseph Desha,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Phillip B. Key,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McNairy,

John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Ed. St. Loe Livermore,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Robert Marion,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, jr.
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Russell,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Isaac Wilbour.

William Milnor,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 Peter Swart,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell.

On motion of Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, that the doors be now opened, that the injunction of secrecy imposed on the members of this House respecting the bill now before them, be taken off, and that all further proceedings relative to the said bill be had with open doors:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 36,
Nays 92.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
William Hoge,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.

Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
John Chandler,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Howell Cobb,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowinshield,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,

John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,

Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
David Thomas,

John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

On motion of Mr. Mumford, and seconded, to amend the said bill, in the second line, after the word "laid," by inserting the following words, "for and during the term of sixty days."

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 46,
 { Nays 82.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
John Campbell,
Peter Carlton,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
William Hoge,
Reuben Humphreys,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,

Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
David Thomas,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Chandler,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Jacob Crowninshield.

Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn-
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley.

Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Philip B. Key,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 William M'Creery,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 William C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, of Pennsylvania,

John Rhea, of Tennessee,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Clement Storer,
 John Taylor,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell.

On motion of Mr. Quincy, and seconded, to amend the said bill, by adding a new section thereto, in the following words :

And be it further enacted, That nothing in this act shall be constructed to contravene any rights or privileges arising out of any treaty or treaties between any foreign nation and the United States :

The question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 52,
 { Nays 75.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Boyle,
 John Campbell,
 Peter Carlton,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Jacob Crowninshield,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Edwin Gray,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,

William Kirkpatrick,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Lee Livermore,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jun.

David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,

John Blake, jr.
 Thomas Blount,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 John Chandler,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Howell Cobb,
 Orchard Cook,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Francis Gardner,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 William M'Creery,
 John Montgomery,

Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Clement Storer,
 Peter Swart,
 John Taylor,
 David Thomas,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell.

On motion of Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, that the House now adjourn ;
 The question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 40,
 { Nays 81.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 William W. Bibb,
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Howell Cobb,
 Orchard Cook,
 John Davenport, junior,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Edwin Gray,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.

Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Francis Gardner,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 William H. Ims,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Daniel Isley,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Nehemiah Knight,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Robert Marion,
 William M'Creery,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 William C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,

John Pugh,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Clement Storer,
 Peter Swart,
 John Taylor,
 David Thomas,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell,

Those who voted in the negative are,

Evan Alexander,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Howell Cobb,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, junior,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,

William Kirkpatrick,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Edw. St. Loe Livermore,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Jabez Upham,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill, as amended, to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1807.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have agreed to the amendments made by this House to the bill, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States." And then he withdrew.

Mr. Bacon, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

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 Reuben Humphreys,
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 Jonathan O. Mosely,
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 John Porter,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
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 Samuel Riker,

John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Dennis Smelt,
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 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
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 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
 David Bard,
 Josiah Deane,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 Daniel Hsley,
 John Lambert,
 William McCreery,
 John Montgomery,
 Thomas Newbold,

Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Pugh,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Matthias Richards,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell.

Ordered, That Mr. John Randolph and Mr. George W. Campbell be appointed a committee to wait on the President of the United States, pursuant to the aforesaid resolution.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 1808.

The House being cleared of all persons, except the members and the Clerk,

Mr. Randolph, from the committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, pursuant to a resolution of the thirteenth instant, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed the service assigned to them, and received an intimation that the President was indisposed, and could not give them a personal interview; and that, at his request, they had left the extract entrusted to them with his private Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

The House resumed the reading of such documents accompanying the message from the President of the United States, of the twenty-second instant, as, in his judgment, require secrecy, and were communicated by him in confidence; and went through the same.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy imposed on the message of the President of the United States, of the thirtieth instant, be taken off, so far as respects the documents accompanying the same, with the exception of the letter from our Minister at Paris, to the Secretary of State, of the twenty-seventh of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven :

On the question that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 42,
Nays 77.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William W. Bibb,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
George Clinton, junior,
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Matthew Lyon,

Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Munford,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Jacob Richards,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Kilian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms.

James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,

John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,

James I. Van Allen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

A motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the said message and documents be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union: And, the question being taken thereupon, it was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy imposed on the message of the President of the United States, of the thirtieth instant, and the documents accompanying the same, be taken off, so far as relates to the copy of a letter from M. Champaign to General Armstrong, of the fifteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight :

And, on the question that the said House do now proceed to consider the same,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 43,
 { Nays 71.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
William W. Bibb,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
George Clinton, junior,
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, junior,

Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,

Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green.

John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Ilsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
Daniel Montgomery, junior,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,

Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, APRIL 1, 1808.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, accompanied with a report from the Secretary of State.

The House being cleared of all persons except the members and the Clerk,

The said message was read, in the words following, viz :

To the House of Representatives of the United States :

In answer to the inquiries of the resolution of the House of Representatives of the thirtieth of March, relative to certain dates, I transmit a report of the Secretary of State made to me on that subject.

TH. JEFFERSON.

APRIL 1, 1808.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, *April 1, 1808.*

The Secretary of State has the honor to report to the President, in conformity to the resolution of the House of Representatives, of the thirtieth of March, that the only information which has been received respecting the letter from which the extract inserted in General Armstrong's letter to the Secretary of State, of January twenty-second, one thousand eight hundred and eight, was taken, is in the extract itself, to which no date is given ; and that no copy of any letter from the French Ministry to him is subjoined to, or known to be referred to, in his said letter of January twenty-second, except that a copy of which was communicated to Congress by the President on the twenty-ninth of March, and which bears date the fifteenth January, one thousand eight hundred and eight. It does not appear from any information received by the Department of State at what date either this letter of January the fifteenth, or the letter from which the inserted extract was taken, were received by the Minister of the United States at Paris.

Respectfully submitted.

JAMES MADISON.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy imposed on the message of the President of the United States, of the thirtieth of March, be taken off as far so respects the documents accompanying the same, with the exception of the letter from our Minister at Paris to the Secretary of State, of the twenty-seventh of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and the words contained in the parenthesis in the last sentence of the extract from Mr. Pinkney's letter, of January twenty-sixth, one thousand eight hundred and eight :

And, on the question that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration :

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 45,
Nays 71.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
William W. Bibb,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,
George Clinton, jun.
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
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John Harris,
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Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Matthew Lyon,

Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
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Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,

Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
William McCreery,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
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James I. Van Allen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,

Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,

Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

A motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy imposed on the message of the President of the United States, and the documents accompanying the same, be taken off, so far as relates to the copy of an official note from M. Champagny, to General Armstrong, on the fifteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, and of an official letter from Mr. Erskine (his Britannic Majesty's Envoy) to the Secretary of State, of the twenty-third of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight :

And, on the question that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 45,
 { Nays 73.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
William W. Bibb,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
George Clinton, jun.
Howell Cobb,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Elv,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,

Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Claiborne,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cuts,

John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan.

William Kirkpatrick,
Nehemiah Knight,
John Lambert,
William McCreery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
James Sloan,

Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Allen,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

A motion was then made by Mr. John Montgomery, and seconded, that the doors be now opened:

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 1808.

The House being cleared of all persons, except the members and the Clerk,

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

Believing that the confidence and union of our fellow citizens at the present crisis, will be still farther confirmed by the publication of the letter from M. Champagny, to General Armstrong, and that of Mr. Erskine to the Secretary of State, communicated with my message of the thirtieth ultimo; and, therefore, that it may be useful to except them from the confidential character of the other documents accompanying that message, I leave, to the consideration of Congress the expediency of making them public.

TH. JEFFERSON.

APRIL 2, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy imposed on the message of the President of the United States, of the thirtieth of March, and the documents accompanying the same, be taken off, so far as relates to the copy of an official note from M. Champagny to General Armstrong, of the fifteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, and of an official letter from Mr. Erskine (his Britannic Majesty's Envoy) to the Secretary of State, of the twenty-second of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight, and that five thousand copies thereof be printed:

The question was taken, that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration:

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 106,
 { Nays 1.

The yeas and yeas being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
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John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Claiborne,

Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Howell Cobb,
 Orchard Cook,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Francis Gardner,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 Williams Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Philip B. Key,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,

John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Jedediah K. Smith.

The said resolution being then twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, unanimously agreed to by the House, by yeas and nays, as followeth :

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,

George W. Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Claiborne,
 Matthew Clay,
 George Clinton, jun.
 John Clopton,
 Howell Cobb,
 Orchard Cook,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 John Dawson,

Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Ilsley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,

Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do agree to the following order :

Ordered, That the Secret Journal of this House from the thirtieth of March to this day, inclusive, be published :

And the same being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Blackledge, to amend the said proposed order, by inserting after the word "published," the words following, to wit : "excepting the message of the President of the United States of that date :"

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 85,
Nays 22.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,

William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle.

Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Howell Cobb,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Joseph Desha,
 James Elliot,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Philip B. Key,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Robert Marion,
 William M'Creery,

William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jr.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Timothy Pitkin, jr.
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn,
 James Witherell.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jr.
 Josiah Deane,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, jr.
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Jeremiah Morrow,

Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Rhea, of Tennessee,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams.

And on the question that the House do agree to the said order, as so amended ;

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 70,
 { Nays 40.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Joseph Barker,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Boyle,
 William A. Burwell,

Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 George Clinton, jr.
 Howell Cobb,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jr.

John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,

Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russel,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Allen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
John Blake, jr.
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,

James Holland,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
John Lambert,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
John Thompson,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
Richard Winn,
James Witherell.

A motion was then made by Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded, that the report of the Secretary of State which accompanied the message from the President of the United States, of the first instant, be printed for the use of the members :

And the question being taken thereupon,
It was resolved in the affirmative.

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CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES :

Began and held at the City of Washington, in the Territory of Columbia, on Monday, the seventh of November, one thousand eight hundred and eight, being the Second Session of the Tenth Congress held under the Constitution of Government of the United States :

On which day, being the day appointed by law for the meeting of the present session, the following members of the House of Representatives appeared and took their seats, to wit :

From New Hampshire,

{ Daniel M. Durell,
Francis Gardner,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Clement Storer.

From Massachusetts,

{ Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
William Ely,
Isaiah L. Green,
Daniel Hsley,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Josiah Quincy,
Ebenezer Seaver,
William Stedman,
Jabez Upham,
Joseph B. Varnum, (*Speaker.*)

From Rhode Island,

Isaac Wilbour.

From Connecticut,

{ Epaphroditus Champion,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge.

From Vermont,

{ Martin Chittenden,
James Elliot,
James Fisk.

From New York,

John Blake, junior,
John Harris,
Reuben Humphreys,
William Kirkpatrick,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Peter Swart,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Alen,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck.

From New Jersey,

Adam Boyd,
William Helms,
John Lambert,
Thomas Newbold,
James Sloan,
Henry Southard.

From Pennsylvania,

David Bard,
Robert Brown,
William Findley,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea,
Matthias Richards,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Robert Whitehill.

From Maryland,

Charles Goldsborough,
William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Archibald Van Horn.

From Virginia,

Burwell Bassett,
William A. Burwell,
John Clopton,
John Dawson,
John W. Eppes,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
John Smith,
Abraham Trigg,
Alexander Wilson.

From Kentucky,

Joseph Desha,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson.

From North Carolina,

Willis Alston, jun.
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Culpeper,
Nathaniel Macon,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Richard Stanford.

From Tennessee,	{ George W. Campbell, John Rhea, Jesse Wharton.
From South Carolina,	{ Lemuel J. Alston, William Butler, Joseph Calhoun, John Taylor, David R. Williams.
From Georgia,	{ William W. Bibb, George M. Troup.
From Ohio,	Jeremiah Morrow.
From the Mississippi Territory,	George Poindexter, <i>Delegate</i> .

Two new members, to wit : Nathan Wilson, returned to serve in this House as a member for New York, in the room of David Thomas, who hath resigned his seat ; and Thomas Gholson, junior, returned to serve as a member for Virginia, in the room of John Claiborne, deceased ; appeared, produced their credentials, and took their seats in the House.

And a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number, being present,

A message was received from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that a quorum of the Senate is assembled, and ready to proceed to business. The Senate have appointed a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them. And then he withdrew.

The oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States was then administered to Mr. Nathan Wilson and Mr. Gholson, by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

On motion of Mr. Dawson, and seconded,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that a quorum of this House is assembled, and ready to proceed to business ; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution of the Senate for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses to wait on the President of the United States and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled, and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said resolution ; and that Mr. Macon, Mr. Quincy, and Mr. McCreery, be appointed of the said committee on their part.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Macon, from the joint committee appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him that a quorum of the two Houses is assembled and ready to receive any communications he may be pleased to make to them, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service ; and that the President signified to them he would make a communication, in writing, to this House, to-morrow at twelve o'clock, by way of message.

On motion of Mr. Smilie, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House cause the members to be furnished, during the present session, with three newspapers to each member, such as the members shall respectively choose, to be delivered at their lodgings ; and that the Clerk be directed to procure such papers from any number of offices that the members shall elect : provided, the expense does not exceed the amount of three daily newspapers.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That, unless otherwise ordered, the daily hour to which the House shall stand adjourned, during the present session, be eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1808.

Several other members, to wit : from Pennsylvania, Jacob Richards ; from Virginia, Matthew Clay and Walter Jones ; and from South Carolina, Robert Marion ; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A new member, to wit : Samuel Shaw, returned to serve in this House as a member for the State of Vermont, in the room of James Witherell, who hath resigned his seat, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have resolved that two Chaplains, of different denominations, be appointed to Congress for the present session, who shall interchange weekly ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the foregoing resolution of the Senate : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said resolution.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Dawson, and seconded,

Ordered, That a Committee of Elections be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Findley, Mr. David R. Williams, Mr. Clay, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Blake, Mr. Sturges, and Mr. Elliott.

Ordered, That a Committee of Claims be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Holmes, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Butler.

Ordered, That a Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Newton, Mr. McCreery, Mr. Cutts, Mr. Marion, Mr. Dana, Mr. Mumford, and Mr. Porter.

Ordered, That a Committee of Ways and Means be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. George Washington Campbell, Mr. Willis Alston, Mr. Eppes, Mr. Smilie, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Fisk, and Mr. John Montgomery.

Ordered, That a Committee on the Public Lands be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, Mr. Goodwyn, Mr. Russell, Mr. Boyd, Mr. Ely, Mr. Bibb, and Mr. Howard.

Ordered, That a Committee of Revision and Unfinished Business be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Clopton, Mr. Van Rensselaer, and Mr. Durcill.

Ordered, That a Committee of Accounts be appointed, pursuant to the standing rules and orders of the House ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, Mr. Stedman, and Mr. Milnor.

Ordered, That a Committee for the District of Columbia be appointed, pursuant to an additional rule and order of the House, agreed to on the twenty-seventh of January last ;

And a committee was appointed, of Mr. Lewis, Mr. Van Horn, Mr. Southard, Mr. Blackledge, Mr. Rea, of Pennsylvania, Mr. Lemuel J. Alston, and Mr. Wharton.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, enclosing a letter to him from Joseph Clay, the Representative for the District composed of the city and county of Philadelphia, and county of Delaware, in the said State, containing his resignation of a seat in this House ; also, a proclamation of the said Governor, and a certificate of the election of Benjamin Say, to serve as a member for the said District and State, in the room of the said Joseph Clay ; which were read, and, on motion of Mr. John Montgomery, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory, accompanied with a memorial of the said House of Representatives, praying a revision and amendment of the laws relating to the sale of the lands of the United States, so far as relates to the payment of the instalments due, and to become due, for the lands purchased by settlers in the said Territory ; also, that the provisions of a bill which was depending before this House at the last session, for the establishment of a Federal Court in that Territory, may not be enacted into a law, for the reasons therein mentioned.

The said letter and memorial were read, and, on motion of Mr. Poindexter, ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the House do agree to the following resolution and order, to wit :

Resolved, That the order hereto subjoined, be inserted among the rules and orders of this House.

Ordered, That a standing committee, to consist of one member from each State, the Representatives or Representative from which may or shall attend, and to be styled "the Committee of the Post Office and Post Roads," shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all such matters and things touching the Post Office and Post Roads of the United States, as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House, and to report thereon ; and also to report such alterations and amendments to the laws concerning the post office and post roads as may become necessary.

The said motion was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. John Montgomery, and seconded,

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, proceed, by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, for the present session, on the part of this House.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

It would have been a source, fellow-citizens, of much gratification, if our last communications from Europe had enabled me to inform you that the belligerent nations, whose disregard of neutral rights has been so destructive to our commerce, had become awakened to the duty and true policy of revoking their unrighteous edicts. That no means might be omitted to produce this salutary effect, I lost no time in availing myself of the act authorizing a suspension, in whole or in part, of the several embargo laws. Our Ministers at London and Paris were instructed to explain to the respective Governments there, our disposition to exercise the authority in such manner as would withdraw the pretext on which the aggressions were originally founded, and open the way for a renewal of that commercial intercourse which it was alleged, on all sides, had been reluctantly obstructed. As each of those Governments had pledged its readiness to concur in renouncing a measure which reached its adversary through the incontestible rights of neutrals only, and as the measure had been assumed by each as a retaliation for an asserted acquiescence in the aggressions of the other, it was reasonably expected that the occasion would have been seized by both for evincing the sincerity of their professions, and for restoring to the commerce of the United States its legitimate freedom. The instructions to our Ministers, with respect to the different belligerents, were necessarily modified with a reference to their different circumstances, and to the condition annexed by law to the Executive power of suspension, requiring a degree of security to our commerce which would not result from a repeal of the decrees of France. Instead of a pledge, therefore, for a suspension of the embargo as to her, in case of such a repeal, it was presumed that a sufficient inducement might be found in other considerations, and particularly in the change produced by a compliance with our just demands by one belligerent, and a refusal by the other, in the relations between this other and the United States. To Great Britain, whose power on the ocean is so ascendant, it was deemed not inconsistent with that condition, to state explicitly, that, on her rescinding her orders in relation to the United States, their trade would be opened with her, and remain shut to her enemy, in case of his failure to rescind his decrees also. From France, no answer has been received, nor any indication that the requisite change in her decrees is contemplated. The favorable reception of the proposition to Great Britain was the less to be doubted, as her Orders of Council had not only been referred for their vindication to an acquiescence on the part of the United States no longer to be pretended, but as the arrangement proposed, whilst it resisted the illegal decrees of France, involved, moreover, substantially, the precise advantages professedly aimed at by the British orders. The arrangement has, nevertheless, been rejected.

This candid and liberal experiment having thus failed, and no other event having occurred on which a suspension of the embargo by the Executive was authorized, it necessarily remains in the extent originally given to it. We have the satisfaction, however, to reflect, that, in return for the privations imposed by the measure, and which our fellow-citizens in general have borne with patriotism, it has had the important effects of saving our mariners, and our vast mercantile property, as well as of affording time for prosecuting the defensive and provisional measures called for by the occasion. It has demonstrated to foreign nations the moderation and firmness which govern our

councils, and to our citizens the necessity of uniting in support of the laws and the rights of their country, and has thus long frustrated those usurpations and spoliations which, if resisted, involved war; if submitted to, sacrificed a vital principle of our national independence.

Under a continuance of the belligerent measures, which, in defiance of laws which consecrate the rights of neutrals, overspread the ocean with danger, it will rest with the wisdom of Congress to decide on the course best adapted to such a state of things; and bringing with them, as they do, from every part of the Union, the sentiments of our constituents, my confidence is strengthened that, in forming this decision, they will, with an unerring regard to the essential rights and interests of the nation, weigh and compare the painful alternatives out of which a choice is to be made. Nor should I do justice to the virtues, which, on other occasions, have marked the character of our fellow-citizens, if I did not cherish an equal confidence that the alternative chosen, whatever it may be, will be maintained with all the fortitude and patriotism which the crisis ought to inspire.

The documents, containing the correspondences on the subject of the foreign edicts against our commerce, with the instructions given to our Ministers at London and Paris, are now laid before you.

The communications made to Congress at their last session, explained the posture in which the close of the discussions relative to the attack by a British ship of war on the frigate *Chesapeake*, left a subject on which the nation had manifested so honorable a sensibility. Every view of what had passed authorized a belief that immediate steps would be taken by the British Government for redressing a wrong, which, the more it was investigated, appeared the more clearly to require what had not been provided for in the special mission. It is found that no steps have been taken for the purpose. On the contrary, it will be seen in the documents laid before you, that the inadmissible preliminary, which obstructed the adjustment, is still adhered to; and, moreover, that it is now brought into connection with the distinct and irrelative case of the orders in council. The instructions which had been given to our Minister at London, with a view to facilitate, if necessary, the reparation claimed by the United States, are included in the documents communicated.

Our relations with the other Powers of Europe have undergone no material changes since your last session. The important negotiations with Spain, which had been alternately suspended and resumed, necessarily experience a pause, under the extraordinary and interesting crisis which distinguishes her internal situation.

With the Barbary Powers we continue in harmony, with the exception of an unjustifiable proceeding of the Dey of Algiers towards our Consul to that Regency. Its character and circumstances are now laid before you, and will enable you to decide how far it may either now or hereafter call for any measures not within the limits of the Executive authority.

With our Indian neighbors the public peace has been steadily maintained. Some instances of individual wrong have, as at other times, taken place, but in no wise implicating the will of the nation. Beyond the Mississippi, the Ioways, the Sacs, and the Alabamas, have delivered up for trial and punishment individuals from among themselves, accused of murdering citizens of the United States. On this side of the Mississippi, the Creeks are exerting themselves to arrest offenders of the same kind; and the Choctaws have manifested their readiness and desire for amicable and just arrangements respecting depredations committed by disorderly persons of their tribe. And generally, from a conviction that we consider them as a part of ourselves, and cherish with sincerity their rights and interests, the attachment of the Indian tribes is gaining strength daily—is extending from the nearer to the more remote, and will amply requite us for the justice and friendship practised towards them. Husbandry and household manufacture are advancing among them, more rapidly with the Southern than Northern tribes, from circumstances of soil and climate; and one of the two great divisions of the Cherokee nation have now under consideration to solicit the citizenship of the United States, and to be identified with us in laws and Government, in such progressive manner as we shall think best.

In consequence of the appropriations of the last session of Congress, for the security of our sea port towns and harbors, such works of defence have been erected as seemed to be called for by the situation of the several places, their relative importance, and the scale of expense indicated by the amount of the appropriation. These works will chiefly be finished in the course of the present season, except at New York and New Orleans, where most was to be done: and although a great proportion of the last appropriation has been expended on the former place, yet some further views will be sub-

mitted to Congress for rendering its security entirely adequate against naval enterprise. A view of what has been done at the several places, and of what is proposed to be done, shall be communicated as soon as the several reports are received.

Of the gun-boats authorized by the act of December last, it has been thought necessary to build only one hundred and three in the present year. These, with those before possessed, are sufficient for the harbors and waters most exposed, and the residue will require little time for their construction when it shall be deemed necessary.

Under the act of the last session for raising an additional military force, so many officers were immediately appointed as were necessary for carrying on the business of recruiting, and, in proportion as it advanced, others have been added. We have reason to believe their success has been satisfactory, although such returns have not yet been received as enable me to present you a statement of the numbers engaged.

I have not thought it necessary, in the course of the last season, to call for any general detachments of militia or of volunteers, under the laws passed for that purpose. For the ensuing season, however, they will be required to be in readiness, should their service be wanted. Some small and special detachments have been necessary to maintain the laws of embargo on that portion of our Northern frontier which offered peculiar facilities for evasion, but these were replaced as soon as it could be done by bodies of new recruits. By the aid of these, and of the armed vessels called into service in other quarters, the spirit of disobedience and abuse, which manifested itself early, and with sensible effect while we were unprepared to meet it, has been considerably repressed.

Considering the extraordinary character of the times in which we live, our attention should unremittently be fixed on the safety of our country. For a People who are free, and who mean to remain so, a well organized and armed militia is their best security. It is therefore incumbent on us, at every meeting, to revise the condition of the militia, and to ask ourselves if it is prepared to repel a powerful enemy at every point of our Territories exposed to invasion? Some of the States have paid a laudable attention to this object; but every degree of neglect is to be found among others. Congress alone having the power to produce an uniform state of preparation in this great organ of defence, the interests which they so deeply feel in their own and their country's security, will present this as among the most important objects of their deliberation.

Under the acts of March eleventh and April twenty-third, respecting arms, the difficulty of procuring them from abroad, during the present situation and dispositions of Europe, induced us to direct our whole efforts to the means of internal supply. The public factories have therefore been enlarged, additional machineries erected, and in proportion as artificers can be found or formed, their effect, already more than doubled, may be increased so as to keep pace with the yearly increase of the militia. The annual sums appropriated by the latter act have been directed to the encouragement of private factories of arms, and contracts have been entered into with individual undertakers to nearly the amount of the first year's appropriation.

The suspension of our foreign commerce, produced by the injustice of the belligerent Powers, and the consequent losses and sacrifices of our citizens, are subjects of just concern. The situation into which we have thus been forced, has impelled us to apply a portion of our industry and capital to internal manufactures and improvements. The extent of this conversion is daily increasing, and little doubt remains that the establishments formed and forming, will, under the auspices of cheaper materials and subsistence, the freedom of labor from taxation with us, and of protecting duties and prohibitions, become permanent. The commerce with the Indians, too, within our own boundaries, is likely to receive abundant aliment from the same internal source, and will secure to them peace and the progress of civilization, undisturbed by practices hostile to both.

The accounts of the receipts and expenditures during the year ending on the thirtieth day of September last, being not yet made up, a correct statement will hereafter be transmitted from the Treasury. In the mean time, it is ascertained that the receipts have amounted to near eighteen millions of dollars, which, with the eight millions and a half in the Treasury at the beginning of the year, have enabled us, after meeting the current demands, and interest incurred, to pay two millions three hundred thousand dollars of the principal of our funded debt, and left us in the Treasury on that day near fourteen millions of dollars. Of these, five millions three hundred and fifty thousand dollars will be necessary to pay what will be due on the first day of January next, which will complete the reimbursement of the eight per cent. stock. These payments, with those made in the six years and a half preceding, will have extinguished thirty-three millions five hundred and eighty thousand dollars of the

principal of the funded debt, being the whole which could be paid or purchased within the limits of the law and of our contracts; and the amount of principal thus discharged will have liberated the revenue from about two millions of dollars of interest, and added that sum annually to the disposable surplus. The probable accumulation of the surplus-es of revenue beyond what can be applied to the payment of the public debt, whenever the freedom and safety of our commerce shall be restored, merits the consideration of Congress. Shall it lie unproductive in the public vaults? shall the revenue be reduced? or shall it not rather be appropriated to the improvements of roads, canals, rivers, education, and other great foundations of prosperity and union under the powers which Congress may already possess, or such amendment of the Constitution as may be approved by the States? While uncertain of the course of things, the time may be advantageously employed in obtaining the powers necessary for a system of improvement, should that be thought best.

Availing myself of this, the last occasion which will occur of addressing the two Houses of Legislature at their meeting, I cannot omit the expression of my sincere gratitude for the repeated proofs of confidence manifested to me by themselves and their predecessors since my call to the Administration, and the many indulgences experienced at their hands. The same grateful acknowledgments are due to my fellow-citizens, generally, whose support has been my great encouragement under all embarrassments. In the transaction of their business, I cannot have escaped error. It is incident to our imperfect nature. But I may say with truth my errors have been of the understanding, not of intention, and that the advancement of their rights and interests has been the constant motive for every measure. On these considerations I solicit their indulgence. Looking forward with anxiety to their future destinies, I trust that in their steady character, unshaken by difficulties, in their love of liberty, obedience to law, and support of the public authorities, I see a sure guaranty of the permanence of our Republic; and retiring from the charge of their affairs, I carry with me the consolation of a firm persuasion that Heaven has in store for our beloved country long ages to come of prosperity and happiness.

TH. JEFFERSON.

NOVEMBER 8, 1808.

The House proceeded in the reading of the said message, and the documents which accompanied the same, and made some progress therein.

An adjournment was then called for: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the farther reading of the said message and documents, be postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned untill to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1808.

Another member, to wit; Robert Jenkins, from Pennsylvania, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The House resumed the reading of the message from the President of the United States, and the accompanying documents, communicated to his House on the eighth instant, and went through the same.

On motion of Mr. Dawson, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said message and documents be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the said message and documents be printed for the use of the members of both Houses.

On motion of Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded, that the resolution of this House of the eighth instant, for the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress on this day, be rescinded; and, that this House will, to-morrow, at twelve o'clock, proceed, by ballot, to the appointment of the said Chaplain on the part of this House:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution proposed by him on the eighth instant, which lay on the table: and the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the order hereto subjoined, be inserted among the rules and orders of this House :

Ordered, That a standing committee, to consist of one member from each State, the Representatives or Representative from which, may or shall attend, and to be styled "the Committee of the Post Office and Post Roads," shall be appointed ; whose duty it shall be to take into consideration all such matters and things touching the post office and post roads of the United States, as shall be presented, or shall or may come in question, and be referred to them by the House, and to report thereon ; and also to report such alterations and amendments to the laws concerning the post office and post roads as may become necessary.

Ordered, That Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, Mr. Green, Mr. Chittenden, Mr. Davenport, Mr. Stanford, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Troup, Mr. Desha, Mr. Whitchill, Mr. Newbold, Mr. Verplanck, Mr. Pugh, Mr. Storer, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Nathan Wilson, and Mr. Wilbour, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1808.

Several other members, to wit : from Virginia, Wilson Cary Nicholas and John Randolph ; and from North Carolina, James Holland ; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Chittenden, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the act passed the last session of Congress, entitled "An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States," and the several acts supplementary and additional thereto, ought to be immediately repealed :

On the question that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 83,
 { Nays 9.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
George W. Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
James Elliot,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,

John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loë Livermore.
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creeery,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh, c
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, of Pennsylvania,

John Rhea, of Tennessee,
 Jacob Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Russell,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,

Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Allen,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William W. Bibb,
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 John Clopton,

Joseph Desha,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Alexander Wilson.

The House, accordingly, proceeded to consider the said proposed resolution at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

A motion being made by Mr. Chittenden, and seconded, that the same be referred to a Committee of the Whole House; and the question taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the said proposed resolution be the order of the day for Monday, the twenty-first of the present month:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Another motion was made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that it be the order of the day for Thursday next:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the said proposed resolution be made the order of the day for Monday next.

On a motion made by Mr. Elliot, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before the House of Representatives copies of all the instructions which have been transmitted by him to the collectors of the revenue, and other officers of the United States, in relation to the execution of the act laying an embargo upon all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary and additional thereto; and also, so far as practicable, the names and places of residence of such persons as have been detected in violating the embargo laws:

The said proposed resolution being read, was, on motion of Mr. George Washington Campbell, ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That, from and after the ——— day of ——— next, all intercourse between the United States and Great Britain, its islands, and dependencies, ought to cease and determine.

Resolved, That, from and after the ——— day of ——— next, all intercourse between the United States and France, its islands, and dependencies, ought to cease and determine.

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law for arming and equipping, for immediate service, ——— thousand militia, in addition to the force already authorized by law.

And the said proposed resolutions being read, were, on motion of Mr. Eppes, ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was this day committed a resolution moved by Mr. Chittenden, for a repeal of the acts laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, and seconded,
Ordered, That the memorial of sundry proprietors of lots in the city of Washington, relative to the subdivision of squares and lots in the said city, and admitting the same

to record, presented the fourteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Porter presented a memorial of sundry merchants of the city of Philadelphia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the memorialists may receive the benefits prescribed by an act passed on the tenth day of March last, entitled "An act for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds in certain cases, and for other purposes," in the case of certain articles of merchandise imported into the port of Philadelphia, by the memorialists, since the passage of the act therein mentioned.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have proceeded to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, for the present session, on their part; and the Reverend Mr. Elliott hath been duly elected. And then he withdrew.

The House then proceeded, by ballot, to the appointment of a Chaplain to Congress, for the present session, on the part of this House; and, upon examining the ballots, a majority of the votes of the whole House was found in favor of the Rev. Obadiah B. Brown.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Southard presented a memorial of Stephen Sayre, of the State of New Jersey, praying that an additional compensation may be made to him for services heretofore performed by the memorialist in Europe, for and on behalf of the United States.

The said memorial being read, a motion was made by Mr. Southard, that the same be referred to the Committee of Claims:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Resolved, That the prayer of the said memorial be rejected.

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of John King, of Bracken county, in the State of Kentucky, praying that the pension allowed him by law, in consideration of a wound received whilst a soldier in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, may be extended to the petitioner from the period at which his disability was incurred.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Moses Miles and Wilson Mercer, of Wilkinsons county, in the Mississippi Territory, praying that a title in fee simple, for a certain tract of land in the said Territory, may be granted to the petitioners for the reasons therein specified; or that such other relief may be afforded in the premises, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Mr. Poindexter also presented a petition of Abram Ellis, a citizen of the Mississippi Territory, praying that the title to a certain tract of land in the said Territory, may be confirmed to the petitioner; also, that such sum or sums of money as have been paid towards securing the said tract of land, may be refunded to him.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Wilbour, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the town of Newport, in the State of Rhode Island, to pass from thence over the New Stone Bridge to Tiverton, in the said State; thence, to Taunton, in the State of Massachusetts.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1808.

Two other members, to wit: from Massachusetts, Samuel Taggart; and from Maryland, John Campbell, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

A new member, to wit: Richard S. Jackson, returned to serve in this House, as a member for the State of Rhode Island, in the room of Nehemiah Knight, deceased, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

On motion of Mr. Swart, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the village of Hamilton, to the Glass Manufactory; from thence, through Guilderland and Beru, to the Schoharie Court House; from thence, through Middleburgh, Cobel's Kiln, and Worcester, to Collier's,

on the Susquehanna, in the State of New York; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Van Rensselaer, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of Andries Van Patten, of the State of New York, presented on the twenty-eighth of December last, and praying compensation for sundry supplies furnished by the petitioner for the workmen at the garrison on Niagara, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Blackledge, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Trenton, in Jones county, by Duplin Court House, to Fayetteville, in North Carolina.

Mr. Eppes presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively praying the establishment of a new post road from the town of Petersburg, by Southall's store, Mansfield, Dennis's, Burk's old store, and Clark's store, to Prince Edward Court House, in the said State.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Desha, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Kenhawa Court House, in the State of Virginia, by the mouth of Big Sandy, Greenup Court House, and Lewis Court House, to Washington, in the State of Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. Durell, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, through Durham, Northwood, and Epsom, to Concord, in said State.

On motion of Mr. Burwell, and seconded,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House, copies of any act or acts of the Parliament of Great Britain, carrying the orders of the eleventh of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, into effect; and also, an act placing the commerce of America in English ports, upon the footing of the most favored nation.

On motion of Mr. Cook, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Warren, through Union, to Hope, in the District of Maine.

On motion of Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made by law, for more effectually carrying into execution the several embargo laws.

Resolved, That no vessel shall be allowed to depart from one port to another of the United States, that does not, with her cargo, wholly belong to a citizen or citizens of the United States, and be navigated solely by citizens thereof.

The said proposed resolutions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom were, yesterday, committed the resolutions moved by Mr. Chittenden and Mr. Eppes, relative to a repeal of the laws laying an embargo on ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and to a discontinuance of all intercourse with Great Britain and France, their islands, and dependencies.

The House, according to the standing order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, had the state of the Union under consideration, and come to several resolutions thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were read, as follow:

1. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as respects our relations with foreign Powers, be referred to a select committee.

2. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the erection of fortifications for the security of our sea-port towns and harbors, be referred to a select committee.

3. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments, be referred to a select committee.

4. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to revising and improving the militia system of the United States, be referred to a select committee.

5. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as

relates to the disposition of the surplusses of our revenue in the improvement of roads, canals, rivers, and education, be referred to a select committee.

6. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to encouraging and promoting internal manufactures, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

7. *Resolved*, That so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to our finances, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolutions at the Clerk's table; and the same being again read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That Mr. George Washington Campbell, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Mumford, Mr. Fisk, Mr. Champion, Mr. John Montgomery, Mr. Bacon, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Porter, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the first resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Blount, Mr. Burwell, Mr. Cook, Mr. Goldsborough, Mr. Riker, Mr. Jedediah K. Smith, and Mr. Troup, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the second resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Nelson, Mr. Dawson, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Howard, Mr. Storer, Mr. Butler, and Mr. Shaw, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the third resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Macon, Mr. Clay, Mr. Findley, Mr. Durell, Mr. Cutts, Mr. Sturges, and Mr. Johnson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the fourth resolution.

Ordered, That Mr. Randolph, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Brown, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Sawyer, and Mr. Desha, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the fifth resolution.

On motion of Mr. Burwell, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider a resolution proposed by him, and this day agreed to: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the said resolution be rescinded.

A motion was then made by Mr. Burwell, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House copies of all acts, decrees, orders, and proclamations, affecting the commercial rights of neutral nations, issued or enacted by Great Britain and France, or any other belligerent Power, since the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one; and, also, an act placing the commerce of America in English ports, upon the footing of the most favored nation:

And on the question that the House do agree thereto,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Burwell and Mr. Cutts be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Livermore, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of rebuilding two light houses on Plumb Island, at the mouth of Merrimack river, in the State of Massachusetts; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1808.

Several other members, to wit: from New York, Josiah Masters; from Maryland, Philip B. Key; and from North Carolina, Thomas Kenan; appeared, and took their seats in the House.

On motion of Mr. Elliot, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider the resolution proposed by him on the tenth instant, which lay on the table; and the same being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before the House of Representative, copies of all the instructions which have been transmitted by him to the Collectors of the Revenue and other officers of the United States, in relation to the execution of the act laying an embargo upon all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary and additional thereto; and, also, so far as practicable, the names and places of residence of such persons as have been detected in violating the embargo laws.

Mr. Marion presented a memorial of the company for opening the navigation of the Catawba and Wateree rivers in the State of South Carolina, signed by J. F. Grimke, their President, praying the aid and patronage of Congress to enable the said company to carry the object therein mentioned into effect.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Marion, Mr. Trigg,

Mr. Mosely, Mr. Jenkins, and Mr. Gardner; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of Augustine Serry, presented on the twelfth of April last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That the committee appointed on so much of the message of the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to employ such an additional number of seamen, not exceeding ———, as, in his opinion, the public service may require; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Burwell, from the committee appointed, on the eleventh instant, to present to the President of the United States a resolution of this House requesting copies of all acts, decrees, orders, and proclamations, affecting the commercial rights of neutral nations, made or entered into by Great Britain and France, or any of the belligerent Powers, since the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, reported that the committee had, according to order, preformed that service, and that the President signified to them he would communicate the information desired by the House, as soon as it could possibly be prepared by the proper Department.

On motion of Mr. Bacon, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Office and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of providing by law for the transportation of the message of the President of the United States of the eighth instant, and the documents accompanying the same, by mail, free of postage.

On a motion made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That every pension or arrearages of pension due, or that hereafter may become due, to any officer or soldier of the United States, and who doth reside in any of the United States, or the territories thereof, in which there hath not been established a Commissioner of Loans, or, in which there may not be any resident attending Commissioner of Loans, shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury, at the city of Washington, on application of the party interested, conformably to the rules and instructions provided by law for the payment of pensions or arrearages of pensions by a Commissioner of Loans:

The said proposed resolution being read, was, on motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the Mississippi Territory, whose names are thereunto subscribed, and of Daniel Harrigil, of the said Territory, respectively praying that the title to lands in that territory may be confirmed to the petitioners in fee simple; and that farther time may be allowed for the payment of the instalments which have or may become due thereon.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Knox county, in the State of Kentucky, presented on the twenty-seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Milnor, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of James Cooper, jun. presented the twenty-eighth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Howard, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the propriety of establishing a post road from Charlestown, in Virginia, to Mount Sterling, in Kentucky, pursuing the route which passes by the mouth of Big Sandy river.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads do inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Jonesborough, in the State of Tennessee, by Elizabethton, to Ash Court House, in the State of North Carolina; and of discontinuing so much of the post route from Knoxville to Sullivan Court House, as passes from Jonesborough to Sullivan Court House, by Elizabethton, abovementioned; and of continuing the aforesaid route directly from Jonesborough to Sullivan Court House, in the State of Tennessee.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands do inquire into the expediency of laying off and describing, by certain metes and bounds, a tract of country to which the Indian title hath been extinguished within the limits of Louisiana, and to include all the settlements within the said Territory; and of having the said tract of country laid off into townships and sections, half and quarter sections, agreeably to the several laws heretofore made for surveying the public lands of the United States; and, also, to inquire into the expediency of granting one quarter of a section to every free male white person who now resides thereon, or, who will, within ——— years, actually improve and reside thereon.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Public Lands do inquire into the expediency of laying off and describing, by certain metes and bounds, a tract of country to which there is no existing Indian title, within the limits of the Territory of Orleans; and to include all the settlements on the West side of the river Mississippi within the said Territory; and of having the said tract of country laid off into townships and sections, half and quarter sections, agreeably to the several laws heretofore made for surveying the public lands of the United States; and, also, to inquire into the expediency of granting one quarter of a section to every free male white person who now resides thereon, or, who will, within ——— years, actually improve and reside thereon.

Mr. Barker presented a petition of Hannah Thomas, and John Thomas, of Kingston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that an additional compensation may be granted to the petitioners, for the value of a tract or parcel of land, situated on a point, usually called the "Gurnet," which was purchased on behalf of the United States, for the purpose of erecting a light house, and building a fort thereon.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Blackledge, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of authorizing the President of the United States to employ an additional number of revenue cutters; and that they report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Riker, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the Southern post road on Long Island, in the State of New York, from Sag Harbor to East Hampton.

On motion of Mr. Tallmadge, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of Daniel Cotton, of the city of New York, presented the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Mumford, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Clacon, of the city of New York, presented the fifth of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of John Carmichael, of the State of Pennsylvania, presented on the fourteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made by Mr. Mumford, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the act laying an embargo on all the ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, be repealed, so far as to allow the ships and vessels of the United States to depart with their cargoes for those countries not subject to the decrees of France, or those subject to the British Orders in Council:

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth instant, a resolution moved by Mr. Chittenden, for a repeal of the several acts laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Speaker of the House of Representatives of the Indiana Territory, enclosing several resolutions of the said House of Representatives, submitting to the consideration of Congress certain propositions which they pray may be adopted for the convenience and benefit of the inhabitants of that Territory.

The said letter and resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Van Alen, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to in-

quire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the city of Hudson to the village of New Lebanon, in the State of New York.

The order of the day was farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1808.

Another member, to wit : James Kelly, from Pennsylvania, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

On motion of Mr. Gardner, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of Abner Gage, of the State of New Hampshire, presented on the eighth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That it is expedient for the United States to open a communication and trade with the West India islands, generally :

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth instant, a resolution moved by Mr. Chittenden, for a repeal of the several laws laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States.

Mr. Gholson presented a petition of James Quarles, of the county of Brunswick, in the State of Virginia, praying relief in consideration of a wound received whilst a soldier in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which has rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

The said petition was received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Clopton, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine the Journal of the last session, and report therefrom such matters of business as were then depending, made a report, in part, thereupon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Fisk, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of altering the times and places for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States in the district of Vermont ; and that they report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Fisk, Mr. Samuel Smith, and Mr. Gray, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. John Montgomery, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire if any, and what, compensation ought to be made to Captain Pike, and his companions, for their services in exploring the Mississippi river, in their late expedition to the sources of the Osage, Arkansas, and La Plate rivers, together with their tour through New Spain ; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. John Montgomery, Mr. David R. Williams, Mr. John G. Jackson, Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Helms, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the transportation, by mail, free of postage, of a certain message of the President of the United States, and documents accompanying the same ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Queen Ann's county, in the State of Maryland, presented on the tenth of February last, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded,

Resolved, That a select committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of repealing so much of the ordinance for the Government of the several Territories of the United States, as authorizes the Governors of said Territories, respectively, to pro-rogue and dissolve the General Assembly,

Ordered, That Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Holland, Mr. John Smith, Mr. Kelly, and Mr. Deane, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The order of the day was farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16. 1808.

Another member, to wit : Roger Nelson, from Maryland, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

A new member, to wit : Benjamin Say, returned to serve in this House as a member for the State of Pennsylvania, in the room of Joseph Clay, who hath resigned his seat, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. M^cCreery presented a petition of thirty-six citizens of the United States, whose names are thereunto subscribed, now confined at Carthagena, in South America, under sentence of slavery, stating the peculiar hardships to which they have been, and are now exposed ; and praying that Congress will take the premises into consideration, and afford such relief therein, as to their wisdom and justice shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and together with the documents accompanying the same, ordered to be referred to Mr. M^cCreery, Mr. Love, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Daniel Montgomery, junior, and Mr. Thompson ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Van Horn, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the city of Washington, presented on the tenth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Verplanck presented a memorial of sundry Freeholders and Electors of the county of Dutchess, in the State of New York, signed by order, and in behalf of the meeting, by Isaac Smith, their Chairman, and attested by Jonathan Haight, their Secretary, praying, for the reasons therein enumerated, a repeal of the several acts laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth instant, a resolution moved by Mr. Chittenden, to the same effect.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, and of several members of the Legislature of the said State, presented on the twelfth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, fourth and sixth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, the seventh of January, nineteenth of February, and seventh of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Poindexter, from the committee appointed on the fifteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill concerning the power of Territorial Governors ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

An engrossed bill to authorize the transportation of a certain message of the President of the United States, and documents accompanying the same, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the transportation of a certain message of the President of the United States, and documents accompanying the same."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Blackledge, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petitions and memorial of sundry inhabitants of the towns of Washington, Plymouth, Edenton, and Newbern, in the State of North Carolina, presented on the twenty-fourth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, the twenty-second and twenty-eighth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, the twenty-seventh of January, and twentieth of February last, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Ely, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Granville, of the counties of Hampshire and Berkshire, in the State of Massachusetts, presented on the eleventh of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and sixth of January last, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On a motion made by Mr. Chittenden, and seconded, that the House do now, according to the order of the day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a resolution moved by him relative to a repeal of the several acts laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States : Whereupon,

It was moved by Mr. Smilie, that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said proposed resolution be referred to a select committee:

And Mr. Speaker having decided that the said motion was not in order,

The question was taken on the motion for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the subject-matter of the said proposed resolution;

And passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, for sending, free of postage, to and from members of Congress, all papers and documents touching the public service of the United States, or of any State or Territory thereof:

And the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On a motion made by Mr. Cook, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the citizens of the United States be authorized, by law, to arm and equip their merchant vessels for the purpose of defending them against French and British cruisers, who may molest or attack them when bound to any port or place not actually invested or blockaded:

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth instant, a resolution moved by Mr. Chittenden, for a repeal of the several laws laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Whitehill, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of John Heap, of Shippensburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, presented on the twelfth of April last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of Nathaniel Irish, presented on the thirteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills; and Mr. Thruston has been chosen of the said committee, on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the foregoing resolution of the Senate: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House do agree to the same; and that Mr. John G. Jackson and Mr. Van Allen be appointed of the said committee, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Love, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from New Baltimore, in Fauquier county, to Gibson's store, in the same county, in Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Desha, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of John N. Stout, of the State of Kentucky, presented on the ninth of January last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be requested to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Halifax, in North Carolina, by Bryan's cross roads, Granbury's cross roads, and Clarke's store to Winsor; and for discontinuing the one from Scotland-neck, by Granbury's cross roads and Clarke's store, to Windsor.

Mr. Hsley presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Maine Bank, at Portland, in the District of Maine, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that a new register may be granted for the ship Thomas, now at the port of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, two-thirds of which vessel having been conveyed to the petitioners as a collateral security for moneys due at the said bank, by Thomas Webster, of the town of Portland, aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Harrison Court House to Mason Court House, in Virginia; and, also, into the expediency of carrying the mail from Morgantown to Clarksburg, by Hill's Ferry.

The order of the day was farther postponed until to-morrow.
And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1808.

Another member, to wit : Dennis Smelt, from Georgia, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

On motion of Mr. Gardner, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Charlestown, in the State of New Hampshire, presented on the twenty-fourth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Richard Jackson, junior, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, presented on the thirtieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Southard, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Essex and Bergen, in the State of New Jersey, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Livermore presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of Newburyport, and several other towns in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that the several acts for laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, may be repealed; or such other relief afforded to the petitioners in the present state of the relations of the United States with Foreign Powers, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on a resolution proposed by Mr. Chittenden, on the tenth instant.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of a certain message of the President of the United States, and documents accompanying the same," without amendment. And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Clopton, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Hanover county, in the State of Virginia, presented on the eighteenth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Livermore, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Boston to Newburyport, in the State of Massachusetts, over the Newburyport turnpike; and from said Newburyport to Exeter, in the State of New Hampshire.

On motion of Mr. Chittenden, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Middlebury, and of the towns of Poultney, Castleton, Hubberton, and Sudbury, in the State of Vermont, presented on the seventeenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, and thirty-first of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On a motion made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the committee appointed on that part of the President's message which relates to our foreign relations, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of excluding by law from the ports, harbors, and waters, of the United States, all armed ships and vessels belonging to any of the belligerent Powers, having in force orders or decrees violating the lawful commerce of the United States as a neutral nation.

2. *Resolved*, That the same committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting, by law, the admission into the ports, harbors, and waters, of the United States, of any ships or vessels belonging to, or coming from any place in the possession of any of the above mentioned Powers; and also, the importation of any goods, wares, or merchandise, the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the dominions of any of the said Powers.

3. *Resolved*, That the same committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act laying an embargo, and the several acts supplemental and additional thereto.

The House proceeded to consider the said proposed resolutions; and the same being twice read, the first and second of the said resolutions were, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Macon,

Ordered, That the third proposed resolution do lie on the table.

Mr. Say presented a petition of John Bishop, James Clement, and Thomas Sparks, of the city of Philadelphia, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that such duty may be imposed, by law, on shot imported from foreign countries, as may effectually encourage the manufacture of that article within the United States.

Mr. Say also presented a memorial of Archibald McCall, of the city of Philadelphia, praying, for the reasons therein specified, an extension of the time in which the oath shall be taken, and the bonds given in cases of goods exported entitled to drawback; and that the petitioner may be allowed the benefit of drawback on a certain chest of tea exported in the ship, Abigail, from the port of Philadelphia, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and five.

Mr. Say also presented a petition of Jacob Ritter, jun. of the city of Philadelphia, praying that he may receive the allowance of drawback on a quantity of sugar shipped on board the ship Fair American, for Amsterdam, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and six.

The said petitions and memorial were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Chittenden, and seconded,

That the House do now, according to the order of the day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a resolution moved on the tenth instant, relative to a repeal of the several acts laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, } Yeas 56,
 } Nays 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
Richard S. Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,

William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,

William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,

William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Love,
William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,

Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of a certain message of the President of the United States, and documents accompanying the same," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1808.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fourteenth instant, the petition of sundry inhabitants of Knox county, in the State of Kentucky, presented the twenty-seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Howard presented a memorial of Margaret Lapsley, widow and Administratrix of Samuel Lapsley, deceased, praying the renewal and payment of certain certificates of public debt, the property of the deceased, which were casually lost some time in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six.

Mr. Howard also presented a petition of William Boyce, praying to be allowed the commutation of half pay due for his services as a lieutenant in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said memorial and petition were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented two petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively praying a remission of the forfeitures of interest on instalments due or to become due for lands of the United States purchased by the petitioners, which have been, or may be incurred, and an extension of the time for completing the payment of the purchase money for the lands aforesaid.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of the Vestry of the Episcopal Church in the town of Alexandria, praying that a law may be passed, authorizing the petitioners to raise, by way of lottery, the sum of twelve thousand dollars, for the purpose of building a new church, and the purchase of a burial ground within the said town, or its vicinity.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the President of the Legislative Council of the Indiana Territory, enclosing a report of a committee of the House of Representatives of the said Territory, adopted by the said House; also, the copy of a petition from sundry inhabitants of that Territory, in opposition to the admission of slavery or involuntary servitude within the same.

The said letter and papers were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House certain resolutions of the Legislative Council of

the Indiana Territory, relative to the election of members of the said Council by citizens of the said Territory entitled to vote for Representatives to the General Assembly of that Territory; and that the continuance in office of the members of the Council shall be for the term of four years only.

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a certificate from the Legislative Council and House of Representatives of the said Territory of the election of Jesse B. Thomas, to serve in this House as the delegate in Congress for the said Territory, in the room of Benjamin Parke, who hath resigned his seat; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Elections.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fourteenth instant, the petition of Daniel Cotton, of the city of New York, presented on the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the conveyance of certain papers and documents, by the mail, free of postage; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Durell, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the post road from Portsmouth, in New Hampshire, through Dover, Rochester, and Moultonborough, to Plymouth; and from Plymouth to Portsmouth, by New Holderness, Meredith, Gilmanton, Nottingham, and Durham; and of establishing, instead thereof, a post road from said Portsmouth, by Dover, Rochester, Ossipee, and Moultonborough, to Plymouth; and from Plymouth to Portsmouth, by Center Harbor, Wolfeborough, the dock in Farmington and Dover; the post to go and return on said routes alternately; and, also, of establishing a post road from Dover, by Barrington, Gilmanton, and Meredith, to Plymouth.

Mr. Say presented the petitions of John Læhman and John Duteil, of the State of Pennsylvania, respectively praying to be placed on the list of pensioners of the United States, in consideration of military services rendered, and personal injuries sustained in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Johnson, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the town of Paris, in the county of Bourbon, to Cynthiana, in the county of Harrison, in the State of Kentucky.

Mr. Cutts presented a petition of Ephraim Clark, of the county of York, and State of Massachusetts, praying compensation for services rendered, and injuries received, whilst a mariner on board the American frigate Alliance, and his subsequent captivity by the enemy, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Mr. Gholson presented a petition of Amey Dardin, of the county of Mecklenburg, in the State of Virginia, widow and relict of David Dardin, deceased, praying compensation for the value of a horse called Romulus, which was impressed into the service of the Continental army during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petitions were read, and severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill concerning the powers of Territorial Governors; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Troup, and seconded, that the farther consideration thereof be postponed *indefinitely*:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, $\begin{cases} \text{Yeas} & \dots\dots\dots 57, \\ \text{Nays} & \dots\dots\dots 52. \end{cases}$

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 Adam Boyd,
 Robert Brown,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 John Campbell,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 William Ely,
 William Findley,
 Francis Gardner,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Heister,
 William Hoge,
 Richard S. Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Robert Marion,

William McCreery,
 William Milnor,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 John Porter,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Russell,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Henry Southard,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Robert Whitehill,
 David R. Williams,
 Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Culpeper,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 John W. Eppes,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Nathaniel Macon,

Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 John Thompson,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Alexander Wilson.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of a certain message of the President of the United States, and documents accompanying the same."

The order of the day was farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1808.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholas R. Moore have leave to be absent from the service of this House for six days.

Another member, to wit : John Boyle, from Kentucky, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The Speaker presented a petition of sundry twine and line manufacturers in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that an additional duty may be imposed on twine and lines hereafter imported from foreign countries ; or that such other encouragement may be afforded to the manufacture of the said articles within the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Mumford, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petitions of James Thompson, of James Creighton, and of James G. Forbes and Ralph B. Forbes, of the State of New York, presented on the seventh of January and third of February last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Masters, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of Pattin Jackson, of the State of New York, presented the twenty-sixth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Howard presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Kentucky, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating that the King of Great Britain having, by his proclamation of the sixteenth of October, one thousand eight hundred and seven, claimed the allegiance of all persons who may have been born in his dominions, and were not inhabitants of the United States of America at the period of their Revolution, and disregarding the laws of naturalization in other countries, hath authorized the impressment into his service of his pretended subjects, and treated as traitors such as may have taken up arms against him in the service of their adopted country ; the petitioners being, at the present time, precluded from the privilege of following commercial pursuits on the high seas in safety, therefore pray, that such measures may be adopted by Congress, as may effectually resist the unjust assumption of power claimed and exercised by a foreign nation ; and pledging themselves to support with their lives and fortunes whatever steps may be taken, or acts passed, by the General Government, for the welfare of the Union.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Howard, Mr. John Morrow, and Mr. Harris ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of the Common Council of the town of Alexandria, in the Territory of Columbia, praying that the petitioners may be invested with power to establish and regulate, by law, such inspections of articles of the growth, produce, or manufactures, of the United States, offered for sale or exportation within the said town, as they may, from time to time, deem advantageous ; also, that certain regulations relative to debtors, and judicial process, in the town of Alexandria, may be adopted, for the convenience and benefit of the inhabitants thereof.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

An engrossed bill to authorize the conveyance of certain papers and documents by the mail, free of postage, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the conveyance of certain papers and documents, free of postage."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred, on the eighth instant, a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Love, from the committee to whom was referred, on the sixteenth instant, the petition of thirty-six citizens of the United States now confined at Carthage, in South America, under sentence of slavery, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Dana presented a petition of the inhabitants of Woodbridge, in the State of Connecticut, in legal town meeting assembled, praying a repeal of the several acts laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, or that the said laws may be modified in such manner as to afford relief to the petitioners from the inconveniences to which they have been and are now subjected.

Mr. Quincy presented a petition of the inhabitants of the town of Topham, in the State of Massachusetts, to the like effect.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on a resolution proposed by Mr. Chittenden, on the tenth instant.

Mr. Quincy presented a petition of James Bowdoin, of the State of Massachusetts, praying that certain regulations therein specified, may be made, respecting the light-house authorized by law to be erected on Nassau Island, near Tarpaulin Cove, in the said State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Jedediah K. Smith presented a petition of William Hastings, a pensioner of the United States, praying that the expense incurred by the petitioner in the amputation of one of his legs, in consequence of a wound received whilst a private in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, may be refunded to him, or that such other relief may be afforded in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made by Mr. Chittenden, and seconded, that the House do now, according to the order of the day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a resolution submitted by him on the tenth instant, relative to a repeal of the several acts laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 42,
Nays 71.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loc Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,

Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, jun.
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,

Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.

Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,
William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,

John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Bacon, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of Joseph Wilcox, Marshal of the District of Connecticut, presented on the twenty-eighth of March last, be referred to Mr. Bacon, Mr. Gray, Mr. Swart, Mr. Hoge, and Mr. Kenan; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On a motion made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is expedient to provide for regulating the conduct of such merchant vessels as, by agreement of the respective owners, may sail in concert for mutual assistance and defence, in cases which may be allowed by law; and also for settling, according to the course of proceeding in courts of admiralty, the respective rates of contribution to be made between them, on account of any loss or damage which may be thereby incurred:

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed a resolution moved by Mr. Chittenden, on the tenth instant.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the President to employ twelve additional revenue cutters; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded,

Ordered, That the memorial of Return Jonathan Meigs, and others, witnesses against Aaron Burr, attending the Circuit Court for the Virginia District, presented the ninth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to Mr. Jackson, Mr. Heister, and Mr. Nathan Wilson; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Daniel Montgomery, junior, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Northumberland County, in the State of Pennsylvania, presented on the twenty-sixth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1808.

Two other members, to wit: from New York, Philip Van Cortlandt, and from South Carolina, Richard Winn, appeared, and took their seats in the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Goldsborough have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for two weeks, from the twenty-first instant.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of the Washington and Alexandria Turnpike Company, and of sundry other inhabitants of the County of Alexandria, in the Territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein specified, a revision and amendment of a law, passed at the last session of Congress, entitled "An act for the establishment of a Turnpike Company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia."

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Daniel Montgomery, junior, and seconded,
Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Kittanning, through Franklin, to Meadville, in the State of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Humphreys, and seconded,
Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of New York, presented on the seventh of February, the seventeenth of November, and fourth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the President to employ twelve additional revenue cutters; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

A motion was then made by Mr. Pitkin, and seconded, that the said bill be recommended to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the committee appointed, on the eleventh instant, on so much of the message of the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session, as respects our relations with foreign Powers, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

On motion of Mr. Smilie, and seconded,

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the said report be printed for the use of the members of both Houses of Congress.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the eighteenth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of a certain message of the President of the United States, and documents accompanying the same."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Van Alen, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire whether any amendment ought to be made relative to the compensations of the officers of the customs now allowed by law; with leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1808.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively praying that the forfeitures of interest which may have been incurred on the instalments due for the purchase of lands of the United States by the petitioners, may be remitted; and that the time for completing the payment of the purchase money for the said lands may be extended to such length of time, as Congress, in their wisdom, may deem proper.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Smilie presented a petition of Matthew Crozier, John Stewart, and John Tallery, of the county of Fayette, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying compensation for the respective services and hardships sustained by the petitioners, as privates of a detachment of the militia of the said State, under the command of Captain William Brown, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Fisk, and seconded,

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont, presented on the first of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Sloan presented a petition of John B. Sartori, of the city of Trenton, in the State of New Jersey, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that he may be permitted to remove temporarily, with certain machinery for the manufacture of Italian pastes, called "Macaroni" and "Vermicella," and a quantity of the said paste, from the United States; the petitioner having, as he suggests, suffered considerable injury from his inability to export the said article to the Havana, and elsewhere.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Dana presented a petition of Edmund Beaumont, of Wallingford, in the county of New Haven, and State of Connecticut, now confined in the gaol of the said county, praying relief against a judgment obtained, and execution awarded against him, in consequence of a breach of the revenue laws of the United States, by persons unauthorized by him, in landing a quantity of sugar, the property of the petitioner, without a legal permit to land the same at the port of New Haven, in the State aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Dana, Mr. Upham, Mr. Van Cortlandt, Mr. Bard, and Mr. Jones; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded, that so much of the report of the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory, made and ordered to lie on the table on the twenty-first instant, as is contained in the last resolution submitted by the committee, be recommitted to the same committee:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said report be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1808.

Another member, to wit: Barent Gardenier, from New York, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Lewis, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented according to order, a bill authorizing the proprietors of squares and lots in the City of Washington, to have the same subdivided and admitted to record; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, and seconded,

Ordered, That the memorial of Rinaldo Johnson, of the State of Maryland, presented on the nineteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Clopton, from the Committee of Revisal and Unfinished Business, to whom it was referred to examine such laws of the United States as have expired, or are near expiring, and require to be revived, or farther continued, made a report, in part, thereupon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1808.

Mr. John Morrow presented a petition of Lucy Dixon, now residing in the borough of Winchester, in the State of Virginia, widow of Roger Dixon, deceased, praying the payment of a final settlement certificate for three hundred and twenty-nine dollars, and ninety-three cents, with legal interest thereon from the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On a motion made by Mr. Elliot, and seconded,

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before the House of Representatives, a copy of his proclamation issued in April last, in consequence of the opposition to the embargo laws in the neighborhood of Lake Champlain.

Ordered, That Mr. Elliot and Mr. Desha be appointed a committee to present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively praying a remission of the forfeitures of interest which have been incurred, or may be incurred, on the instalments due, or to become due, for lands of the United States purchased by the petitioners; also, that such farther time may be allowed, for completing the payment of the purchase money for the said lands, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Macon, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider the third resolution proposed by him, and ordered to lie on the table, on the seventeenth instant; and the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the same committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act laying an embargo, and the several acts supplemental and additional thereto.

Mr. Gardenier presented petitions of sundry electors and inhabitants of the county of Ontario, in the State of New York, respectively praying, for the reasons therein stated, an immediate repeal of the laws laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed a resolution proposed by Mr. Chittenden, on the tenth instant.

Mr. Hoge presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Burgetstown and its vicinity, in the county of Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Pittsburg to Steubenville, in the State of Ohio, to pass through Burgetstown aforesaid, and that a post office may be established within the same.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Clopton presented a petition of James Howard, of the State of Virginia, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners of the United States, in consideration of a wound received at the battle of Guilford, in the State of North Carolina, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, whilst a soldier in the Virginia line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the eighteenth instant, to whom was referred a petition of sundry inhabitants of Knox county, in the State of Kentucky; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

The House proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table: Whereupon, The resolution contained therein, to which the Committee of the Whole House reported their agreement, being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House as followeth:

Resolved, That the prayer of the petition of sundry inhabitants of Knox county, in the State of Kentucky, is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

On motion of Mr. Helms,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the post road from New Hampton, in the county of Hunterdon, and State of New Jersey, to Asbury, in the county of Sussex; and of establishing a post road from Newton, in the county of Sussex, and State of New Jersey, to Frankford, Dickerstown, Montague, Dingman's Ferry, and Stillwater.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have considered the bill sent from this House, entitled "An act to authorize the conveyance of certain papers and documents, by mail, free of postage," and have resolved that the same do not pass. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Barker presented a petition of the selectmen of the town of Scituate, and of sundry merchants and underwriters of the town of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a light house may be erected on one of the points of land, at the entrance of the harbor of the said town of Scituate, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and others concerned in the navigation of the said harbor.

Mr. Say presented a petition of Robert Peter Branu, merchant of the city of Philadelphia, praying, for the reasons therein specified, to be allowed the drawback of duties on five boxes of merchandise, shipped by the petitioner in the year one thousand eight hundred, from the port of Philadelphia to Carthage, in South America ; the payment of which drawback hath heretofore been refused by the collector of the said port of Philadelphia.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Whitehill,

Ordered, That two petitions of sundry inhabitants of the townships of Tyrone and Tyboine, of Cumberland county, in the State of Pennsylvania, presented to this House on the fifth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Helms presented a petition of John Heard, of the State of New Jersey, stating that he is now confined in the prison of the county of Middlesex, in the said State, at the suit of the United States, and that he is not possessed of any property, by which he could discharge the said suit ; and praying that an act may be passed to authorize his release from confinement.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Helms, Mr. Matthias Richards, and Mr. Gholson ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Richard Jackson,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert S. Borough and Stephen Hopkins, of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, presented to this House on the sixteenth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1808.

Another member, to wit : Matthew Lyon, from Kentucky, appeared and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of certain persons therein mentioned ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a petition of sundry other inhabitants of the State of Ohio, to the same effect with other petitions presented by him on the twenty-fifth instant, from inhabitants of the same State ; which was received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary army, and of the present army of the United States ; and that the committee have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Nelson, Mr. Say, Mr. Blount, Mr. Richard Jackson, and Mr. John Smith, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report made the twenty-second instant, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session, as respects our relations with foreign Powers ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Stor-

er reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

Mr. Elliot, from the committee appointed, on the twenty-fifth instant, to present to the President of the United States a resolution of this House requesting the copy of his proclamation in consequence of the opposition to the embargo laws in the neighborhood of Lake Champlain, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service; and that the President signified to them he would communicate the desired information.

Mr. Gardenier presented a petition of the freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Southold, in the State of New York, signed in behalf of the said freeholders and inhabitants by Luther Goldsmith, Chairman, and Hull Osborn, Secretary, praying that the several acts laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, may be repealed.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1808.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Joseph Stroud, praying to be placed on the pension list of the United States, in consideration of services rendered as a mariner on board the American frigate called the "Confederacy;" also of services rendered, and personal injuries sustained, whilst a soldier in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-eighth instant, "to inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary army, and of the present army of the United States."

Mr. Johnson presented a petition of Betsey Brook Steele (lately Betsey Brook Beale) and Robert Beale of Shelbyville, in the State of Kentucky, legal representatives of Robert Beale, deceased, praying that they may receive the depreciation of pay and other emoluments due for the services of the deceased, as a captain in the Virginia line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented to the House a petition of Reuben Attwater, Peter Audrain, and James Abbott, commissioners of the land office at Detroit, in the Territory of Michigan, praying that an adequate compensation may be attached to the offices of commissioners of the land office aforesaid, and to certain other offices therein specified.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reviving and continuing in force, for a further time, the authority of the board of commissioners for investigating claims to land in the Kaskaskia district; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the payment of certain pensions by the Secretary of War at the seat of Government; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The petition presented yesterday by Mr. Gardenier, from sundry freeholders and inhabitants of the town of Southold, in the State of New York, was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed a resolution proposed by Mr. Chittenden, on the tenth instant.

On motion of Mr. Say,

Ordered, That the petition of Jared Shattuck, by his attorneys Elliston Perot and John Perot, which was presented to this House on the twenty-eighth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee made on the twenty-second instant, to whom was referred so much of the message of the President of the United States at the commencement of the present session, as respects our relations with for-

eign Powers ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storer reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the message of the President of the United States, of the sixth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and a report of the Secretary of State of the fourteenth of December last, relative to a claim of the legal representative of the late Caron de Beaumarchais, with the documents accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Boyle,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Clay county, in the State of Kentucky, presented on the thirtieth of January last, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Boyle, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of discontinuing the post road from the Hazle-patch to Standford, in Kentucky ; and of establishing a post road from Richmond to Lancaster, and one from Lexington, by Nicholasville to Danville, in Kentucky.

On motion of Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the entry of any vessel in the United States, from any port or place to which a vessel of the United States is not admitted, by permanent regulation of the Government owning such port or place, or by treaty.

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting the masters, commanders, and owners of vessels of the United States, from receiving British licenses, and of enforcing the return of all vessels of the United States now without the same.

On motion of Mr. Burwell, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of amending the act of Congress, passed on the fourteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and two, entitled " An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the acts hereafter passed on that subject," with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Burwell, Mr. Macon, Mr. David R. Williams, Mr. Barker, Mr. Bard, Mr. Kirkpatrick, and Mr. Boyle, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Van Horn,

Ordered, That the memorial of Charles Minfie, of the city of Washington, presented on the third of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report made the twenty-second instant, from the committee to whom was referred so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session, as respects our relations with foreign Powers ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storer reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, and then withdrew ; which message is as followeth :

To the House of Representatives of the United States :

According to the request of the House of Representatives, expressed in their resolution of the twenty-fifth instant, I now lay before them a copy of my proclamation of the nineteenth of April last.

TH. JEFFERSON.

NOVEMBER 30, 1808.

The said message and proclamation were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1, 1808.

Another member, to wit : Thomas Moore, from South Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

Jesse B. Thomas, the delegate from the Indiana Territory, returned to serve in the room of Benjamin Parke, who hath resigned his seat, appeared, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States, being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a memorial of sundry officers who served in the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, now residing in the State of Ohio, stating, that, from the procrastination of the acts for funding the public debt, and the distress of the memorialists, they were compelled to dispose of their certificates for pay and commutation at much less than the nominal amount ; and praying such relief in the premises, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Mr. Samuel Smith presented a memorial of sundry late officers of the said Revolutionary army, residing in the State of Pennsylvania, to the like effect.

The said memorials were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow,

Ordered, That the petition of Abraham Whipple, presented to this House on the twenty-sixth of January, one thousand eight hundred and three, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers of the late Revolutionary army, and of the present army of the United States."

On motion of Mr. Mumford,

Ordered, That the petition of Paul Vandervoort, of the county of Seneca, in the State of New York, presented on the eleventh of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred the petition of thirty-six American citizens confined at Carthage, in South America, under sentence of slavery ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Helms reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report made on the twenty-second ultimo, from the committee appointed on so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session, as respects our relations with foreign Powers ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Storer reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House the resolutions contained therein, without amendment ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally read, as follow :

1. *Resolved*, That the United States cannot, without a sacrifice of their rights, honor, and independence, submit to the late edicts of Great Britain and France.

2. *Resolved*, That it is expedient to prohibit, by law, the admission into the ports of the United States, of all public or private armed or unarmed ships or vessels belonging to Great Britain or France, or to any other of the belligerent Powers having in force orders or decrees violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States ; and, also, the importation of any goods, wares, or merchandises, the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the dominions of any of the said Powers, or imported from any place in the possession of either.

3. *Resolved*, That measures ought to be immediately taken for placing the country, in a more complete state of defence.

The House proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

The first resolution contained therein, being again read,

A motion was made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, to amend the same, by inserting between the words "submit to," and the words "the late edicts of Great Britain and France," the following words, "abandon the navigation of the ocean in consequence of."

And on the question, that the House do agree to the said amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 26,
 { Nays 96.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,

Edward Lloyd,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Russell,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Borwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,

Daniel Hslev,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William M'Cree,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Scaver,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,

Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,

Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

A division of the question on the said first resolution, as reported from the Committee of the Whole House, was then called for by Mr. David R. Williams: Whereupon,

The first member thereof being again read, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the United States cannot, without a sacrifice of their rights, honor, and independence, submit to the late edicts of Great Britain.

On motion of Mr. Gardenier,

The previous question thereon was demanded by five members, to wit: "Shall the main question be now put?"

And the said previous question being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A question of order being then called for, whether the main question was open to farther debate?

Mr. Speaker stated "that conformably to the determination of the House, on the fifteenth of December last, it did not preclude debate on the main question."

From which decision of the Chair, an appeal was made to the House by Mr. David R. Williams, and the same being seconded,

The question was stated by Mr. Speaker, to wit: "Is the said decision of the Chair correct?"

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1808.

Another member, to wit: Evan Alexander, from North Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to whom was referred, on the sixteenth ultimo, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the City of Washington, presented on the tenth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, reported a bill to incorporate a company for opening the canal in the City of Washington; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was re-committed, on the twenty-second ultimo, a bill authorizing the President to employ twelve additional revenue cutters, reported an amendatory bill authorizing the President to employ an additional number of revenue cutters; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, in the State of Maryland, presented on the nineteenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Jedediah K. Smith presented a petition of Samuel Morey, of the State of New Hampshire, praying that the patent heretofore granted to the petitioner for sundry improvements made by him on steam engines, may be extended to such farther time as Congress in their wisdom may deem proper.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Jedediah K. Smith, Mr. Upham, Mr. Matthias Richards, Mr. Goodwyn, and Mr. Holland; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

John Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Philip B. Key,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 John Love,
 Robert Marion,
 William McCreery,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 Josiah Quiney,

John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 John Russell,
 Benjamin Say,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William Blackledge,
 George W. Campbell,
 Richard Cutts,
 James Fisk,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Josiah Masters,
 Roger Nelson,

John Porter,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Samuel Riker,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Clement Storer,
 John Taylor,
 Jesse Wharton,
 David R. Williams,
 Richard Winn.

The question then recurring, that the House do agree to so much of the first resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House, as is contained in the first member thereof, in the words following, to wit :

“ *Resolved*, That the United States cannot, without a sacrifice of their rights, honor, and independence, submit to the late edicts of Great Britain:”

And after debate thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY DECEMBER 3, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Wilson,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Union, in the county of Monroe, by the Red Sulphur Springs, to Giles Court House, and from thence to Montgomery Court House, Virginia.

The House, according to order, proceeded to the farther consideration of the unfinished business of yesterday.

And after farther debate thereon,

An adjournment was called for : When,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.
And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5. 1808.

The Speaker presented to the House a petition of sundry manufacturers of cotton and wool cards, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that a patent heretofore issued to Amos Whittemore, granting him exclusive privilege of making certain machinery for the manufacture of cotton and wool cards, may not be extended beyond the term of fourteen years, from the date thereof; or that such encouragement may be afforded to the petitioners and other manufacturers of those articles within the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, the second instant, on the petition of Samuel Morey, of the State of New Hampshire; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That the several petitions of the inspectors of the customs for the districts and ports of New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Boston, presented on the fifth and twenty-third of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, and the eleventh and twenty-second of January, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Dawson presented a petition of Ambrose Lewis and Charles Lewis, of the State of Virginia, praying compensation for their respective services as soldiers in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which the petitioners have not yet received, owing to the circumstances therein enumerated.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Say,

Ordered, That the petition of Ludwig Kuhn, of the City of Philadelphia, presented on the sixth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House resumed the consideration of the question depending on Saturday last, at the time of adjournment: Whereupon,

The first member of the first resolution, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on Thursday last, being again read, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the United States cannot, without a sacrifice of their rights, honor, and independence, submit to the late edicts of Great Britain:—

And, after farther debate thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, communicating a report from the Surveyor of the Public Buildings in the City of Washington, which was read and ordered to lie on the table on the second instant, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Smilie presented a petition of Edward Livingston, of the Territory of Orleans, stating his claim to the lots or parcels of land called the "Batture," in the vicinity of the City of New Orleans, and praying that the title in fee simple to the said lots or parcels of land, may be confirmed to the petitioner, or such other relief afforded in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Mr. George Washington Campbell presented petitions from sundry citizens of the Territory of Orleans, in opposition to the prayer of the foregoing petition, and suggesting that the right to the said lots or parcels of land hath not been relinquished by the former Sovereigns of the country, but is now vested by the act of cession in the Government of the United States, and that it would contribute to the benefit of the petitioners and others, to preserve the Batture as a common open and unbuilt upon by any person or persons claiming the same.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Attorney General, with instructions to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Burwell presented a petition of Alexander Brown and Son, citizens of the United States, residing in the City of Baltimore, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that they may be permitted to import into the United States, a quantity of Irish linens, now stored at Liverpool, in England, which was ordered by the petitioners some time in the Autumn of one thousand eight hundred and seven.

The said petition was read, and, together with the accompanying documents, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively praying a remission of the forfeitures of interest upon the instalments due or to become due for lands of the United States purchased by the petitioners, and an extension of the time for completing the purchase money of the said lands; which were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the post road from Warrentown, through Mount Pleasant, to Morristown, in the State of Ohio.

Mr. Jesse B. Thomas presented a petition of William Biggs, of the Illinois country, praying that he may be allowed the proportion of land due for the services of the petitioner as a lieutenant in a regiment commanded by George Rogers Clark, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On a motion made by Mr. Newton, and seconded, that the unfinished business under consideration of the House, on the fifth instant, and undetermined at the time of adjournment, do lie on the table :

The question was taken thereupon,

And passed in the negative.

The House then resumed the consideration of the first member of the first resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House on Thursday last : Whereupon,

The same being again read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That the United States cannot, without a sacrifice of their rights, honor, and independence, submit to the late edicts of Great Britain :"

And after farther debate thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Fisk, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Fryburg, in Maine, to Danville, and from thence to Derby, in Vermont; also, a post road from Norwich to Newbury; from Hartford to Corinth; and from Montpelier to Barton, in said State.

Mr. Kelly presented a petition of Nimrod Maxwell, proprietor of the Sulphur Springs, in the county of Adams, and State of Pennsylvania, praying that a post office for the convenience and benefit of the said county and others, may be established at or near the Sulphur Springs, aforesaid.

The said petition was received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Say presented memorials from sundry late officers in the Pennsylvania line of the Revolutionary army, whose names are thereunto respectively subscribed, stating that, from the peculiar circumstances of the memorialists, they have been compelled to dispose of the certificates of pay and commutation granted them for military services rendered to the United States; and praying such relief in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Mr. Wharton presented a petition from sundry late officers of the Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina lines of the said Revolutionary army, to the like effect.

The said memorials and petition were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. John Morrow presented a petition of sundry citizens of the county of Hampshire, in the State of Virginia, praying that a post road may be established from Pughtown, in the county of Frederick, by the forks of Great Cape Capon, to Springfield, in the

county of Hampshire, aforesaid ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Verplanck presented a petition of William Neblett and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, aliens to the Government of the United States of America, and in allegiance to the King of Great Britain, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that a certain William Belk, a citizen of the United States, but at present in the City of New York, may be permitted to convey the petitioners, their families and property, in the brig Neptune, to the Island of Trinidad, in the West Indies ; or that such other relief may be afforded in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Desha,

Ordered, That the petition of John Smith, presented to this House on the seventh of March last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Love presented a memorial of Frances Alexander, widow and relict of Charles Alexander, deceased, for herself and as guardian to the orphan children of the deceased, stating that the memorialist has reason to believe that sundry inhabitants of the District of Columbia have it in contemplation to present a petition to Congress for alterations in an act passed at the last session for the establishment of a turnpike company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, which, if carried into effect, would materially injure the property and interest of the memorialist and the orphan children of the said deceased ; and praying such relief, in the event of the proposed alterations in the act aforesaid being solicited, as to the wisdom of Congress shall appear reasonable and just.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from the town of Trap, in the State of Maryland, to the town of Waterford, in Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Alexander, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Salisbury, in the county of Rowan, to Statesville, in the county of Iredell, and from thence to Charlotte, in the county of Mecklenburg, in North Carolina.

On a motion made by Mr. Durell, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That it be the duty of the Clerk of this House to furnish the Representatives in Congress from each State in the Union, for the time being, and the Delegates from each of the Territories thereof, with one copy of every public document, including the laws and journals printed by order of the House, to be by them transmitted to the principal seminary of learning in each State and Territory, respectively :

The said proposed resolution was read, and, on motion of Mr. Bacon, ordered to lie on the table.

The House then resumed the consideration of the first member of the first resolution reported on Thursday last, from the Committee of the Whole House, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, in the words following, to wit :

“ *Resolved*, That the United States cannot, without a sacrifice of their rights, honor, and independence, submit to the late edicts of Great Britain :”

And after farther debate thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1808.

Mr. Love presented a petition of John Strother, of the State of Virginia, devisee of Ralph Crunden, deceased, late a surgeon's mate in the Georgia line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, praying that he may be allowed the pay and other emoluments due for the services of the deceased, in the capacity aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Love, Mr. Tallmadge, Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Hsley, Mr. Jacob Richards, and Mr. Gardener ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Desha,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was yesterday referred the petition of John Smith, be discharged from the consideration of the same ; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition and documents accompanying the same.

On motion of Mr. Ely,

Ordered, That the petition of Jabez Bill, of the State of Massachusetts, presented to the House on the sixth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, " to inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary army, and of the present army of the United States."

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Commercial Company of the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying that an act may be passed to incorporate the said company, containing such regulations and privileges as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

That the unfinished business of yesterday, depending at the time of adjournment, do lie on the table ; and that the House do now, according to the order of the day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the amendatory bill authorizing the President to employ an additional number of revenue cutters :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House accordingly resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trigg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House then resumed the consideration of the first member of the first resolution reported on Thursday last from the Committee of the Whole House, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, in the words following, to wit :

" *Resolved*, That the United States cannot, without a sacrifice of their rights, honor, and independence, submit to the late edicts of Great Britain :"

And after farther debate thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1808.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Washington Bridge Company, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, a revision and amendment of an act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled " An act authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia."

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill to revive and continue the authority of the Commissioners of Kaskaskia ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. John Montgomery presented a petition of John Atkin, of Cecil county, in the State of Maryland, setting forth that he hath invented a mode of making and drawing malleable from cast iron, not heretofore in use ; in the prosecution of which, as the petitioner suggests, great advantage will result in the manufacture of that article within the United States, and praying that a law may be passed authorizing a patent to be granted to him for the exclusive benefit of the said invention or improvement ; which

was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. John Montgomery, Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Smelt; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Say,

Ordered, That the petition of Philip Wilson, senior, of the city of Philadelphia, presented the twelfth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Chittenden, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Burlington, in the county of Chittenden, to the Court House, in the county of Grand Isle, in the State of Vermont.

An engrossed bill to authorize the President to employ an additional number of revenue cutters was read the third time: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Durell, and seconded, that the said bill be recommitted to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, farther to consider and report thereon to the House:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The main question was then taken that the said bill do pass,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 90,
 { Nays 26.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Barl,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,

James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,

James I. Van Alen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,

Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
John Davenport, jun.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
William Hoge,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,

Josiah Masters,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Russell,
James Sloan,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
David R. Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to authorize the President to employ an additional number of revenue cutters."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act farther to amend the judicial system of the United States ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business depending yesterday at the time of adjournment ; and the first member of the first resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the select committee appointed on so much of the message from the President of the United States as respects our relations with Foreign Powers, being again read in the words following, to wit :

"*Resolved*, That the United States cannot, without a sacrifice of their rights, honor, and independence, submit to the late edicts of Great Britain :"

And farther debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1808.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act for the establishment of a Turnpike Company in the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Masters presented a petition of James Macomb, of Waterford, in the State of New York, praying the renewal of a patent, heretofore granted to the petitioner, for the exclusive benefit of a new invention discovered by him in the construction of a water wheel for the use of grist mills, or other water works, for such further time as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, the second instant, on the petition of Samuel Morey, of the State of New Hampshire.

On motion of Mr. Goodwyn, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Hick's ford, in the State of Virginia, by Lawrence Smith's Store, to Murfreesborough, in North Carolina.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of sundry citizens of the State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that the importation of iron hoops, nail and spike rods, from foreign countries, may be prohibited by law, or the impost duty thereon so increased, as may effectually promote the manufacture of the said articles within the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims to whom were referred, on the fifteenth and twenty-fifth ultimo, the petitions of James Quarles and James Howard, of the State of Virginia, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the petitioners, respectively, have leave to withdraw their said petitions with the documents accompanying the same.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims to whom were referred, on the eighteenth, twenty-first, twenty-third, and twenty-fifth ultimo, and the fifth instant, the several petitions of Ephraim Clark, Amey Dardin, Pattin Jackson, Matthew Crozier, and others, Lucy Dixon, and Ludwig Kuhn, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petitions be severally referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth instant, on the petition of John Strother, of the State of Virginia.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act further to amend the judicial system of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to Mr. Marion, Mr. Holland, and Mr. Kelly, to consider and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Richard Jackson presented a petition of Job Sheldon, of Providence, in the State of Rhode Island, praying that he may be allowed the proportion of land due for his services as a Sergeant in the regiment commanded by Colonel Jeremiah Olney, of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee appointed, the eleventh ultimo, on so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Thomas, the Delegate from the Indiana Territory, presented a petition of John Gibson and Henry Vanderburgh, officers in the Virginia and New York lines of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, praying to be allowed half pay for life, or an equivalent thereto, deducting the five years' commutation, or such a sum, on that account, as Congress in their wisdom and justice may think proper.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, the eighth instant, on the petition of John Strother.

On motion of Mr. Samuel Smith, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Pittsburg, through M'Keasport and Elizabethtown, to Parkision's Ferry, in Pennsylvania.

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of altering the post road from Pittsburg to Butler, so as to pass through Harmony.

On motion of Mr. Gardner,

Ordered, That the petition of Nathan Babbit, of the State of New Hampshire, presented on the eighteenth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the committee appointed, the eighth instant, on the petition of John Strother.

On motion of Mr. Nicholas R. Moore,

Ordered, That the petition of John Elliott, of the State of Maryland, presented on the twenty-fifth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the select committee last mentioned.

The House resumed the consideration of the first member of the first resolution, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the select committee, appointed on so much of the message from the President of the United States as respects our relations with Foreign Powers, in the words following, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That the United States cannot, without a sacrifice of their rights, honor, and independence, submit to the late edicts of Great Britain."

And, after debate thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.
And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Holmes, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the eighteenth ultimo, the petitions of John Lachman and John Duteil, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petitions be severally referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of making provision, by law, for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary war, and of the present army of the United States."

Mr. Mumford presented a memorial of the surviving officers of the late Revolutionary Army and Navy of the State of New York, praying that they may receive the difference of the interest of six per cent. on their final settlement certificates for the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty two, and one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, and on the commutation certificates from the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-four, to the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, which were funded at three per cent.; also, ten years' interest upon one third of the principal of their respective final settlement and commutation notes, which constituted the six per cent. deferred stock.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the petition of Edward Turner, of the Mississippi Territory, presented to this House on the ninth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Southard presented a petition of the associates of the Jersey Company, in the State of New Jersey, praying that the town of Jersey, in the said State, may be made a port of entry; which was received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Trigg presented a petition of Francis Preston, of the State of Virginia, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that he may be allowed the proportion of land due to the heirs of the late General William Campbell, deceased, in consideration of military services rendered by the said deceased, as an officer of the Virginia line on Continental establishment, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee,

Ordered, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, to whom was referred, on the seventh instant, the petition of Nimrod Maxwell, of the State of Pennsylvania, be discharged from the consideration thereof, and that the said petition be referred to the Postmaster General.

Mr. Holland presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying a discontinuance of certain post roads established by law, and the establishment of new post roads to pass through several places in the States of North Carolina and South Carolina, therein enumerated.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively praying that a new post route may be established from Pittsburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, to the town of Cambridge, in the State of Ohio, to pass through the towns or places therein mentioned.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, whose name are thereunto subscribed, of the same tenor, and to the like effect, with the petitions of other inhabitants of the same State, presented on the twenty-fifth ultimo; which were received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Quincy,

Ordered, That the petition of Nathaniel F. Fosdick, late collector of the customs for the district of Portland and Falmouth, in the State of Massachusetts, presented on the twenty-sixth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. Goodwyn,

Ordered, That the petition of Archibald Thweatt, of Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, presented on the second of February, in the present year, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. George Washington Campbell, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Kingston, in the State of Tennessee, to the court house in the county of Rhea, and from thence to the court house in the county of Bledsoe, in the said State.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the sixteenth, eighteenth, and twenty-ninth ultimo, and the first and ninth of the present month, the petitions of John Heap, William Boyce, Betsey B. Steele, Paul Vandervoort, and Philip Wilson, senior, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petitions be severally referred to the committee appointed, the eighth instant, on the petition of John Strother, of the State of Virginia.

Mr. John Montgomery presented a petition of James M. Devenney and Margaret Keys, of the city of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland, praying relief in the case of a certain house and lot, situate in the city of Baltimore, aforesaid, which have been sold under the act of Congress laying a direct tax within the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. John Montgomery, Mr. Hoge, Mr. Wynn, Mr. Garnett, and Mr. Van Cortlandt; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy imposed on the communication from our respective Ministers at Paris and London, which accompanied the President's message of the eighth instant, be taken off, with the exception of the extract of a letter from General Armstrong to the Secretary of State, dated Paris, December twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and seven:

Mr. Speaker declared the said motion to be of a confidential nature; and, thereupon, the House was cleared of all persons except the members and the Clerk.

And after debate thereon,

The question was taken that the House do agree to the said proposed resolution,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 42,
 { Nays 81.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loc Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,

Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Russell,
Samuel Smith,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,

William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,

William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Francis Gardner,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Isley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Robert Marion,
 William McCreery,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jr.
 John Montgomery,

Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 Peter Swart,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

On motion of Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do agree to the following order :

Ordered, That the secret journal of this day's proceedings be published,

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion,

Ordered, That the doors be now opened.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Andrew Joseph Villard ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the unfinished business depending on Saturday last, at the time of adjournment : Whereupon,

The first member of the first resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Select Committee to whom was referred so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session, as respects our relations with foreign Powers, being again read, in the words following, to wit :

"*Resolved*, That the United States cannot, without a sacrifice of their rights, honor, and independence, submit to the late edicts of Great Britain."

And farther debate arising thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Upham, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 47,
 { Nays 65.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 William W. Bibb,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 John Davenport, junior,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 William Hoge,
 David Holmes,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Thomas Newton,
 Josiah Quincy,

John Randolph,
 Jacob Richards,
 John Russell,
 James Sloan,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 David R. Williams,
 Nathan Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, junior,
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hsley,

John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Matthias Richards,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Clement Storer,
 Peter Swart,
 John Taylor,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour.

The House then proceeded to the farther consideration of the said first member of the first resolution, and, after some time spent therein,

An adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of dividing the Indiana Territory; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas, Mr. Kenan, Mr. Taggart, Mr. Bassett, and Mr. Smilie, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

Ordered, That the resolutions of the House of Representatives of the Indiana Territory, which were read, and ordered to lie on the table on the fourteenth ultimo, be referred to the select committee last appointed.

Mr. Marion, from the committee to whom was referred, on the tenth instant, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act further to amend the Judicial System of the United States," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Hoge,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Washington, through Burgetstown, to Georgetown, in the State of Pennsylvania.

On motion of Mr. Winn,

Resolved, That the Committee appointed on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending the mail from York Court House, to Lincoln Court House, in North Carolina; and from thence, to return by York Court House, Chester, Blackstock's, and Winnsborough, to Columbia, the Seat of Government, in South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Augusta, in the State of Kentucky, through Denhamstown and Williamsburgh, to Lebanon, in Ohio.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fifth instant, the petition of Ambrose Lewis and Charles Lewis, of the State of Virginia, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their said petition.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

Ordered, That the petition of Frances Bell, relict and administratrix of John Bell, deceased, presented on the thirty-first of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Andrew Joseph Villard," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Alexander, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, farther provision ought to be made by law, prescribing the manner in which the public acts, records, and judicial proceedings, of one State, shall be proved and given in evidence in another State, and the effect thereof; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Alexander, Mr. David R. Williams, Mr. John G. Jackson, Mr. Key, and Mr. Quincy, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes;'" also, a bill, entitled "An act to change the post route from Annapolis to Rockhall, by Baltimore to Rockhall;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, who delivered in the same. And then withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the first member of the first resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, in the words following, to wit;

And after farther debate thereon,
The question was taken that the House do agree to the said first member of the resolution :

[illegible]

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick.
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCrery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
John Russell,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,

Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,

Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbourn,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Barent Gardenier,

William Hoge.

The question was then stated from the Chair, that the House do now agree to the second member of the said first resolution, in the words following, to wit :

"And France : " When,

A question of order was raised by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, whether that question was in order, it being detached from, and not having immediate reference to the said first member of the resolution, and conveying no definite meaning, and therefore not susceptible of a division.

Mr. Speaker decided that it was in order to put the question upon the said second member.

An appeal was then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, from the decision of the Chair ; and objection being made to the admissibility of the said appeal,

Mr. Speaker decided, that, in his opinion, an appeal to the House from the decision of the Chair, in this case, was admissible : Whereupon,

An appeal from the decision of the Speaker on the appeal of Mr. Randolph, was made by Mr. Gholson, and seconded.

The question was then taken, "Is the decision of the Chair upon the appeal of Mr. Randolph correct ?"

And passed in the negative.

The question then recurred on the said second member of the said first resolution ; and the same being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 113,
Nays 2.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,

William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Husley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,

Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
William M Inor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
John Russell,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Scaver,
Samuel Shaw.

Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storey,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Barent Gardenier,

William Hoge.

The main question was then taken that the House do agree to the said first resolution as reported from the Committee of the Whole House, in the words following, to wit :

"Resolved, That the United States cannot, without a sacrifice of their rights, honor, and independence, submit to the late edicts of Great Britain and France."

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 118,
Nays 2.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

**Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper.**

Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes.

Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hlsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Philip B. Key,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward Lloyd,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jr
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Porter,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,

John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 John Russell,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Barent Gardenier,

William Hoge.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
 And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1808.

The message, in writing, received from the President of the United States, on the thirteenth instant, was read, and is as follows :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I now transmit to both Houses of Congress a report of the Commissioners appointed under the act of March twenty-ninth, one thousand eight hundred and six, concerning a road from Cumberland to Ohio, being a statement of the proceedings under the said act, since their last report communicated to Congress ; in order that Congress may be enabled to adopt such farther measures as may be proper under existing circumstances.

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Ordered, That the said message, together with the documents accompanying the same, be referred to Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, Mr. John G. Jackson, Mr. Lloyd, Mr. Lyon, and Mr. Rea, of *Pennsylvania*.

Mr. Wilbour presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the village of Apponaug, in the county of Kent, and State of Rhode Island, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the village of Apponaug may be erected into a port of delivery ; and that the surveyor of the port of East Greenwich, in the said State, may be authorized to act as Surveyor of the same.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Goodwyn presented a petition of John Goodrum, of the State of Virginia, praying to be allowed the pay and other emoluments due for his services as a soldier in the Virginia line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, no part of which has, as heretofore, been paid to him.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth instant, on the petition of John Strother.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to change the post route from Annapolis to Rockhall, by Baltimore to Rockhall," was read the first time.

On motion.

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Lemuel J. Alston presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Andersonville and of Generostee, in Pendleton district, in the State of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the present post route from Pendleton Court House to Edgfield Court House may be altered as to pass through the said town of Andersonville, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The House proceeded to consider the second resolution reported by the select committee appointed on that part of the President's message, at the commencement of the present session, which relates to our foreign relations, and to which the Committee of the Whole House reported their agreement on the first instant; which said second resolution is contained in the words following, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That it is expedient to prohibit, by law, the admission, into the ports of the United States, of all public or private armed or unarmed ships or vessels belonging to Great Britain or France, or to any other of the belligerent Powers having in force orders or decrees, violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States; and, also, the importation of any goods, wares, or merchandise, the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the dominions of any of the said Powers, or imported from any place in the possession of either."

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1808.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of building a church in the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, for the use of the Episcopal congregation in the said town; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. Jesse B. Thomas, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory; and that the said committee have leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Thomas, Mr. Culpeper, Mr. Goodwyn, Mr. Blake, and Mr. Sloan, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

Mr. Thomas presented to the House sundry resolutions of the Legislative Council of the Indiana Territory, relative to an extension of the right of suffrage therein; which were read, and, together with such parts of the resolutions of the House of Representatives of that Territory, presented on the fourteenth ultimo, as relate to the same subject, ordered to be referred to the select committee last appointed.

On motion of Mr. Love, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be directed to inquire

into the expediency of discontinuing the post route from Fauquier Court House to Paris, in the same county, in Virginia; and establishing a post route from New Baltimore to Gibson's store, in the said county, and thence, to return by Fauquier Court House, to New Baltimore.

Mr. Lewis presented to the House a representation from Samuel H. Smith, Robert Brent, and Thomas Corcoran, a committee appointed by the Levy Court of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, praying that the said Levy Court may be vested with full power to lay out and repair public roads, and to erect and repair bridges in the said county, under such conditions as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said representation was read, and, together with a copy of certain proceedings of the Levy Court aforesaid, ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of the Vestry of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the City of Washington, praying that the petitioners may be authorized, by law, to raise, by way of lottery, a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars, for the purpose of finishing the building of a church in the said city, and the payment of debts already incurred on account of the same; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Goodwyn,

Ordered, That the petition of Thomas Wilcox, of the town of Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, presented on the fifteenth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Love,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Alexandria and Washington, presented on the seventeenth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Samuel Smith presented a petition of John McCoy, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that he may receive compensation for the hire of sundry wagon horses employed in the service of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, "to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the late Revolutionary army, and of the present army of the United States."

Mr. Eppes presented to the House certain returns or statements relative to the amount of free male inhabitants, and the number of votes taken at elections held in the counties of Randolph and St. Clair, in the Territory of Indiana, together with the depositions of sundry persons in that Territory, relative thereto; which were received, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the thirteenth instant "to inquire into the expediency of dividing the Indiana Territory."

On motion of Mr. Ely, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Springfield, through South Hadley, to Northampton, in the State of New Hampshire.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Richard Tervin, of Washington county, in the Mississippi Territory, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that a title in fee simple, may be granted to the petitioner for a certain tract of land, situate on the East bank of the Tombigbee river, within the said Territory.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Johnson,

Ordered, That the letter and representation of Thomas Paine, presented on the fourth of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House resumed the consideration of the second resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the first instant, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, in the words following, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That it is expedient to prohibit, by law, the admission into the ports of the United States, of all public or private armed or unarmed ships or vessels belonging to Great Britain or France, or to any other of the belligerent Powers having in force orders or decrees violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States; and also, the importation of any goods, wares, or merchandise, the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the dominions of any of the said Powers, or imported from any place in the possession of either."

And after farther debate thereon,

An adjournment was called for : Whereupon,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1808.

On a motion made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, that when this House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet on Monday next:
The question was taken thereupon,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 43,
 { Nays 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
William W. Bibb,
John Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Robert Marion,



William Milnor,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Jacob Richards,
Benjamin Say,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desla,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,

Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Isley,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Lambert,
John Love,
William M'Creery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,

John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,

Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to amend the charter of Alexandria;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. John Montgomery, from the committee appointed, on the fifteenth ultimo, "to inquire if any, and what, compensation ought to be made to Captain Pike, and his companions, for their services in exploring the Mississippi river, in their late expedition to the sources of the Osage, Arkansas, and La Platte rivers, together with their tour through New Spain, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

Mr. John Montgomery, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill making compensation to Captain Zebulon M. Pike, and his companions; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report; and sundry statements marked A, B, C, and D, prepared in pursuance of the "Act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to establish the Treasury Department,'" which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On motion of Mr. George Washington Campbell, and seconded,

Ordered, That two thousand copies of the report, and three hundred copies of the letter and statements accompanying the same, be printed for the use of the members.

Mr. Thomas presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Knox county, in the Indiana Territory, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in opposition to the prayer of petitions of the inhabitants of the counties of Randolph, and St. Clair, presented on the sixth of April last, for a division of the said Territory into two separate Governments.

The said petition was received, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, the thirteenth instant, on the expediency of dividing the Indiana Territory.

On motion of Mr. Lyon,

Ordered, That the said petitions of the inhabitants of Randolph and St. Clair, in the Indiana Territory, be referred to the select committee last mentioned.

The House resumed the consideration of the second resolution reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the first instant, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That it is expedient to prohibit, by law, the admission into the ports of the United States, of all public or private armed or unarmed ships or vessels belonging to Great Britain or France, or to any of the belligerent Powers, having in force orders or decrees violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States; and, also, the importation of any goods, wares, or merchandise, the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the dominions of any of the said powers, or imported from any place in the possession of either:

And farther debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1808.

On a motion made by Mr. Alexander Wilson, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn until Monday morning eleven o'clock:

The question was taken thereupon,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 5,
 { Nays 39.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

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Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Abram Trigg,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,

Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, jun.
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Helms,
Daniel Hsley,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
William Milnor,

Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Clement Storer,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Robert Whitehill.

It having appeared by the foregoing vote, that a quorum consisting of a majority of the whole number of members was not present.

A motion was made by Mr. Van Cortlandt, and seconded, that the Speaker be requested to direct the Doorkeeper to send for absent member for the purpose of forming a quorum to proceed on the business before the House:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Van Cortlandt, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn, until Monday morning eleven o'clock:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 9,
 { Nays 50.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Davenport, jun.
David Holmes,
Robert Jenkins,
Edward St. Lee Livermore,
Philip Van Cortlandt,

Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.

Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,

Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,

Clement Storer,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Robert Whitehill,
 David R. Williams,
 Nathan Wilson.

A sufficient number of members to form a quorum, having appeared, and taken their seats in the House,

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to an act, entitled "An act authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac, within the District of Columbia," which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Burwell, from the committee appointed on the thirtieth November, presented, according to order, a bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act to establish an uniform rule of naturalization, and to repeal the acts heretofore passed on the subject;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday, the ninth of January next.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of John O'Hara, praying that he may receive the arrearages of pension due to him in consideration of military services rendered, and personal injuries sustained, whilst a private in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of the same tenor, and to the like effect with the petitions of sundry other inhabitants of the said State, presented on the twenty-third ultimo; which were received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Goodwyn,

Ordered, That the petition of Benjamin Edwards, of the town of Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, presented on the twenty-second of February last, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was referred, on the twenty-ninth ultimo, the petition of the Commissioners of the Land Office at Detroit, in the Territory of Michigan, made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted.

On motion of Mr. Livermore, and seconded, that the House do agree to a resolution which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing certain vessels to clear out, and depart from the ports and harbors of the United States for the purpose of importing salt; and that they report by bill, or otherwise:

On motion of Mr. Bacon, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said proposed resolution do lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Goodwyn,

Ordered, That the petition of John Bell and William Bell, of the town of Petersburg, in the State of Virginia, presented on the twenty-fourth of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Thomas,

Ordered, That the proceedings of the Grand Jury, of St. Clair county, in the Territory of Indiana, which were laid before the House on the second instant, be referred to the select committee appointed to inquire into the expediency of dividing the Indiana Territory.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to provide for arming, manning, and fitting out for immediate service, all the public ships of war, vessels, and gun-boats, of the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the second resolution, reported from the Committee of the Whole House on the first instant, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That it is expedient to prohibit, by law, the admission into the ports of the United States, of all public or private armed or unarmed ships or vessels belonging to Great Britain or France, or to any other of the belligerent Powers having in force orders or decrees violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States; and, also, the importation of any goods, wares, or merchandise, the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the dominions of any of the said Powers, or imported from any place in the possession of either:

And farther debate arising thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 42,
 { Nays 68.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Joseph Barker,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Reuben Humphreys,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Lee Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,

William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Randolph,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Richard Stanford,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blodnt,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,

John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,

Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,

Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
James I. Van Alen,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

A division of the question on the resolution depending before the House, was then called for by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded : Whereupon,

So much of the said resolution being read, as is contained in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That it is expedient to prohibit, by law, the admission into the ports of the United States, of all public or private armed or unarmed ships or vessels belonging to Great Britain or France, or to any other of the belligerent Powers having in force orders or decrees violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States :

A motion was made by Mr. Van Horn, and seconded, to amend the original resolution as reported from the Committee of the Whole House, by striking out after the words "goods, wares, or merchandise," the following words : "the growth, produce, or manufacture of the dominions of any of the said Powers ;" and by adding, to the end of the said resolution, the following words : "and that the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several supplementary acts thereto, be repealed, so far as to allow the ships and vessels belonging to, and wholly navigated by, citizens of the United States, to depart with their cargoes for places not in the possession of any of the said belligerent Powers ; and that the citizens of the United States be authorized to arm and equip their merchant vessels, and repel by force any assault or hostility which shall be made or committed by any vessel belonging to any of the said Powers, and may subdue and capture the same ; and may retake any vessel, owned as aforesaid, which may have been captured by any vessel belonging to any of the said Powers."

A question of order was then moved by Mr. D. R. Williams, whether the said motion of Mr. Van Horn, as a substitute for a member of the said original resolution, was admissible according to the standing rules and orders of the House.

The Speaker decided, as his opinion, that the said proposed amendment was in order, as not being a substitute for the member of the original resolution proposed to be stricken out : Whereupon,

The question was taken that the House do agree to the proposed amendment for striking out the words as before recited,

And passed in the negative.

The question then recurred on the amendment proposed by Mr. Van Horn : when A motion was made by Mr. Upham, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn ; And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 45,
 { Nays 69.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Evan Alexander,
William W. Bibb,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,

James Elliot,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,

James Kelly,
Phillip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
James Sloan,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,

Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Ilsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,

Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
James I. Van Alen,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

A division of the question was then called for on the amendment proposed by Mr. Van Horn, from the commencement thereof, and ending at the word "repealed," in the third line of the said amendment :

And the question to agree to the said division of the proposed amendments being stated from the chair,

Mr. Van Horn withdrew the said amendments from the Clerk's table.

A motion was then made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn,

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 48,
 { Nays 69.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William W. Bibb,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Reuben Humphreys,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,

Daniel Montgomery, jr.
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
James Sloan,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
David R. Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. A'ston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,

Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, to amend the original resolution depending before the House, by adding to the end thereof, the following words: "and

also, that the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, with all acts supplementary thereto, be repealed."

A question of order was moved by Mr. Macon, whether an amendment containing the substance of a proposed resolution referred to a Committee of the Whole House, and made the order for a day certain, can be received as an amendment to the resolution under consideration, embracing a distinct subject : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker decided, as his opinion, that the proposed amendment could not be received, unless the Committee of the Whole House was discharged from the consideration of a resolution moved by Mr. Chittenden on the tenth ultimo, and several subsequent resolutions proposed, and referred to the same Committee of the Whole House.

From which decision of the Chair, an appeal was made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded:

And on the question, "Is the said decision of the Chair correct?"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 86,
 { Nays 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,

Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Scaver,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Lemuel J. Alston,
 Burwell Bassett,
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Davenport, jun.
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Francis Gardner,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 John Harris,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,

Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Russell,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Jabez Upham,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

A motion was then made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, to amend the original resolution under consideration, by adding to the end thereof the following words: "and, also, that the act approved on the twelfth of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, entitled 'An act in addition to the act, entitled 'An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' be repealed on the first day of January next."

A question of order was moved by Mr. Smilie, whether, according to the standing rules and orders, the said proposed amendment could be received and acted upon by the House: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker decided, as his opinion, that it was not in order, as it partially embraced the substance of a proposed resolution already referred to a Committee of the Whole House, and not considered or reported on by the said committee to the House.

From which decision of the Chair, an appeal was made to the House, by Mr. Lewis, and seconded:

And on the question, "Is the said decision of the Chair correct?"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 84,
 { Nays 31.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Orchard Cook,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Peterson Goodwyn,

Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilsey,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Munford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,

John Porter,
John Rea, of Pennsylvania,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Saver,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard.

Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Burwell Bassett,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
Richard Jackson,
Philip B. Key.

Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Luc Livermore,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Russell,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

The question then recurring on the first member of the said original resolution as proposed to be divided on a motion of Mr. David R. Williams, and herein before recited,

A division of the question on the said first member of the resolution was called for by Mr. Gardiner, and seconded, from the commencement of the same to the words "Great Britain," as contained in the words following, to wit :

"Resolved, That it is expedient to prohibit, by law, the admission into the ports of the United States of all public or private armed or unarmed ships or vessels belonging to Great Britain:"

And the question being taken that the House do agree to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative,	{	Yeas 92,
		Nays 29.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Leinuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Callhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,

John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys.

Daniel Hisley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 William M'Creery,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,

Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Scaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 Peter Swart,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Philip B. Key,

Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Edward St. Lee Livermore,
 Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Russell,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Jabez Upham,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

A farther division of the question was moved by Mr. Elliot, and seconded, on the said first member of the resolution, on the words "or France," immediately following the words "Great Britain," herein before recited :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 97,
 { Nays 24.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, junior,
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, junior,
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,

John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William B. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Orchard Cook,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,

Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Thomas Gholson, junior,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Isley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creery,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, junior,
 William Ely,
 John Harris,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Philip B. Key,

Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stamford,
 Clement Storer,
 Peter Swart,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Joseph Lewis, junior,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Russell,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Jabez Upham,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

And on the question that the House do agree to the second member of the said second resolution, contained in the words following, to wit: "or to any other of the beligerent Powers having in force orders or decrees violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States :"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 96,
 { Nays 26.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, junior,
 Ezekiel Bacon,

David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,

William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, junior,
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell.
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Orchard Cook,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Francis Gardner,
 Thomas Gholson, junior,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creery,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, junior,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 John Harris,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,

Daniel Montgomery, junior,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Scaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 Peter Swart,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Philip B. Key,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Russell,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Jabez Upham,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

The question was taken that the House do agree to the residue of the said resolution contained in the following words: "and, also, the importation of any goods, wares, or merchandise, the growth, produce, or manufacture, of the dominions of any of the said Powers, or imported from any place in the possession of either:"

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 82,
 { Nays 36.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jr.
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Francis Gardner,
 Thomas Gholson, junior,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilslow,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,

Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 William McCreery,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 Joan Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smithe,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 John Taylor,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 John Harris,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Masters,

William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Russell,
 James Sloan,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Nathan Wilson.

The main question was then taken that the House do agree to the said second resolution, as reported from the Committee of the Whole House, and herein before recited :

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 84,
 } Nays 30.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Francis Gardner,
 Thomas Gholson, junior,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Isley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,

Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 William M'Cree,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 John Taylor,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 John Harris,
 Richard Jackson,

Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 Joseph Lewis, jr.
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Russell,
 James Sloan,

Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,

Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

And on the question that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the third resolution, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That measures ought to be immediately taken for placing the country in a more complete state of defence :

It was unanimously resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. George Washington Campbell, and seconded,

Ordered, That the second resolution be referred to the committee appointed on so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session, as respects our relations with foreign Powers, with leave to report thereon by way of bill, or bills.

On motion of Mr. George Washington Campbell, and seconded,

Ordered, That the third resolution be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth ultimo, on so much of the said message from the President of the United States as relates to the military and naval establishments, with leave to report thereon by bill, or bills.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Harris,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Seneca county, in the State of New York; presented on the twentieth of January last, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Blount presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Hyde county, in the State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a mail may be established from Washington, by the way of Germantown, to the Lake Landing in Mattamusket, crossing at Clark's Ferry, in the said State; which was received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Augustin Serry; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Pitkin, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Claims be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, alterations are necessary to be made in the laws relative to placing on the pension list those persons who have been wounded in the line of their duty, in the service of the United States, since the Revolutionary war; and to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for arming, manning, and fitting out for immediate service, all the public ships of war, vessels, and gun-boats, of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred, on the tenth instant, a bill authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines.

On motion of Mr. Lewis,

Ordered, That the memorial of the first and second Chambers of the City Council of Washington, presented on the seventh of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the payment of certain pensions by the Secretary of War, at the seat of Government; and, after some spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trigg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Dana presented to the House a communication from John G. Cunow, acting on behalf of the Directors of the Society of the United Brethren for propagating the Gospel among the Heathen, offering to the acceptance of Congress certain books or publications therein enumerated; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act farther to amend the Judicial system of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trigg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On motion of Mr. Gholson,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to Mr. Marion, Mr. Holland, Mr. Kelly, Mr. Livermore, and Mr. Gholson.

The order of the day for the House again to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the committee to whom was referred a petition of thirty-six American citizens confined at Carthagena, in South America, being called for by Mr. Love;

A motion was made by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded, that the said order of the day be postponed *indefinitely*:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The House, then, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said report; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trigg reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the resolution contained in the same.

The House proceeded to consider the said report of the Committee of the Whole House; and the resolution to which they reported their disagreement, being again read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to adopt the most immediate and efficacious means in his power, to obtain from the Viceroy of Grenada, in South America, or other proper authority, the liberation of thirty-six American citizens, condemned on a charge of piracy, and now held in slavery in the vaults of St. Clara, in Carthagena, and that the sum of ——— dollars be appropriated to that purpose."

The question was taken that the House do agree with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 50,
 { Nays 34.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Wile's Alston, junior,
David Bart,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,

David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Walter Jones,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rea, of Pennsylvania,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Sewer.

Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,

Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, jun.
Martin Chittenden,
John Clepton,
John Culpeper,
James Elliot,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Love,

Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William M^cCreery,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Benjamin Say,
James Sloan,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Isaac Wilbour.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1808.

A new member, to wit : Joseph Story, returned to serve in this House, as a member for the State of Massachusetts, in the room of Jacob Crowninshield, deceased, appeared, produced his credentials, and took his seat in the House ; the oath to support the Constitution of the United States being first administered to him by Mr. Speaker, according to law.

Ordered, That Mr. Poindexter have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

On motion of Mr. Sturges, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Danbury, in Fairfield county, in the State of Connecticut, through Newtown, in said county ; from thence through Southbury, Woodbury, Watertown, and Plymouth, in Litchfield county ; from thence through Bristol, to Farmington, in Hartford county, in said State.

On motion of Mr. Porter,

Ordered, That the petition of John Mulloony, of the city of Philadelphia, presented on the seventeenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Holland presented a petition of sundry citizens of the county of Lincoln, in the State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating certain hardships and inconveniences to which the petitioners have been and are now subjected, in consequence of the operation of the several acts laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States ; and praying such relief in the premises as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the resolution proposed by Mr. Chittenden, on the tenth ultimo.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented petitions of sundry inhabitants of the Territory of Michigan, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively praying an extension of their farms or lots of land to eighty arpens in length, without requiring an additional price in consequence thereof, for the reasons therein enumerated.

The said petitions were received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Say,

Ordered, That the petition of James Robinson and Catharine, his wife, of the county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, presented on the fifth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the committee appointed, on the eighth instant, on the petition of John Strother, of the State of Virginia.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of the President and Directors of the Bank of Alexandria, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that an act may be passed extending the charter of the said bank, for such a future period of years, from the fourth of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Ordered, That Mr. Key have leave to be absent from the service of this House until Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded,

Resolved, That the select committee to whom was referred a bill from the Senate, "farther to amend the Judicial System of the United States," be instructed to inquire into the expediency of extending jurisdiction to the superior courts of the several Territories of the United States, in which a district court has not been established, for the trial of treason and other offences committed against the laws of the United States within the limits of said Territories; and to empower said courts to pronounce such judgment or sentence on conviction of the offender or offenders, as the law directs.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to lay before this House a general statement of the sums annually received at the Treasury of the United States since the commencement of proceedings under the Constitution; exhibiting distinctly the proceeds of the customs, internal revenue, loans, and miscellaneous receipts, for each year, with the amount of the respective branches of the customs, and the charges thereon.

An engrossed bill authorizing the payment of certain pensions by the Secretary of War, at the seat of Government, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the payment of certain pensions by the Secretary of War, at the seat of Government."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Alexander, from the committee appointed on the thirteenth instant, presented, according to order, a bill prescribing the effect of records of judgment or decrees of courts of one State in another State; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a representation from Reuben Attwater, Peter Audrain, and James Abbott, commissioners of the land office at Detroit, in the Michigan Territory, in support of certain facts or allegations contained in a petition presented by them to this House on the twenty-ninth ultimo; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Stanford, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a mail stage from Fayetteville, in North Carolina, to Cheraw Court House, Camden, Columbia, Augusta, and Milledgeville, in Georgia; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee appointed on the twenty-eighth ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the late and of the present army of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

A motion was made by Mr. Chittenden, and seconded, that the House do now, according to the order of the day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a resolution proposed by him the tenth ultimo, for a repeal of the several acts laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States:

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 49,
 { Nays 64.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative are,

Evan Alexander,
Burwell Bassett,

Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,

Campbell,
 Chittenden,
 Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, junior,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Edw. St. Loc Livermore,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,

William Milnor,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 John Russell,
 James Sloan,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, junior,
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 William W. Bibb,
 John Blake, junior,
 Adam Boyd,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 William Findley,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, junior,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 James Holland,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Thomas Kenan,
 John Love,
 William M'Creery,
 Daniel Montgomery, Jr.

John Montgomery,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Clement Storer,
 Joseph Story,
 Peter Swart,
 John Thompson,
 George M. Troup,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes;'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to revive and continue, for a further time, the authority of the Commissioners of Kaskaskia; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the proprietors of squares and lots in the city of Washington to have the same subdivided and admitted to record; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of certain persons therein mentioned; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred, on the twenty-first ultimo, a resolution, proposed by him, respecting the conduct of merchant vessels sailing in concert, and the rates of contribution between them on account of loss or damage which may occur, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said proposed resolution be referred to Mr. Dana, Mr. Quincy, Mr. McCreery, Mr. Mumford, and Mr. Say, with leave to report thereon by bill, or bills.

On motion of Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes,'" be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said bill, together with the amendments proposed thereto this day by Mr. Newton, be committed to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Van Horn,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, in the District of Columbia, presented on the fourteenth of March last, be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1808.

Mr. Quincy presented a petition of Edward Tuckerman, junior, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that the petitioners may be permitted to import into the United States certain merchandise, now stored on their account at Liverpool, in Great Britain.

Mr. Quincy also presented a petition of Edward Blake, junior, of the said town and State, to the like effect.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Kelly,

Ordered, That the petition of Jacob Barnitz, of the borough and county of York, in the State of Pennsylvania, presented to this House on the twenty-eighth of January, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to Mr. Kelly, Mr. Macon, Mr. David R. Williams, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Sturges; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Thomas presented to the House certain proceedings of the Grand Jury of the

county of Randolph, in the Indiana Territory, at a Circuit Court held in and for the said county, in the month of November last, stating the hardships and inconveniences to which the persons composing the said Grand Jury, and other inhabitants of the county aforesaid, have been and are now subjected, in consequence of their connexion with the people situated in that part of the Territory Eastward of the river Wabash, and praying such relief in the premises as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said proceedings were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, the thirteenth instant, to inquire into the expediency of dividing the Indiana Territory.

Mr. Story presented memorials of William R. Lee, Collector for the District of Salem and Beverly, and of Joseph Wilson, Collector for the port of Marblehead, and a petition of Asa Andrews, Collector for the District of Ipswich, in the State of Massachusetts, respectively praying that certain payments made by the memorialists and petitioners to the owners of fishing vessels may be confirmed by the proper officers of the Treasury Department, or that such other relief may be afforded in the premises as to wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Mr. Story also presented a petition of Nathaniel R. Sturges and John Parkman, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, under the firm of Sturges and Parkman, praying that they may be permitted to import into the United States a certain quantity of Irish linens, now stored on account and at the risk of the petitioners, at Liverpool, in Great Britain.

The said memorials and petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Story presented a petition of the inhabitants of the town of Marblehead, in the State of Massachusetts, signed by W. Story and others, a committee appointed by and on behalf of the said inhabitants, praying that an adequate bounty may be allowed to the owners of fishing vessels belonging to the said town or port, for the reasons therein specified.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Story presented a memorial of Benjamin Franklin Seaver, late master and owner of the brigantine *Indefatigable*, of Boston, in the State of Massachusetts, praying relief in the case of certain losses and expenses incurred by him, and for the ransom of the memorialist, and the mariners employed on board the said brigantine, from captivity by the natives of the Barbary coast, in Africa.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Story, Mr. Pitkin, Mr. Riker, Mr. Daniel Montgomery, and Mr. Eppes; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Lincoln, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that a post road may be established from Augusta, in Kennebec county to Belfast, in Hancock county, to pass through certain towns or places therein enumerated.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Barker, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be directed to inquire whether any alteration or amendment of an act, passed last session of Congress, entitled "An act for erecting a light house on the South side of the Island of Sapelo, and for placing buoys and beacons in several places," be necessary, in order that said act may comport with the several petitions on which said act was grounded, and report such an amendatory bill as may be necessary.

An engrossed bill to revive and continue the authority of the Commissioners of Kaskaskia was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to revive and continue the authority of the Commissioners of Kaskaskia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill authorizing the proprietors of squares and lots in the city of Washington to have the same subdivided, and admitted to record, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act authorizing the proprietors of squares and lots in the city of Washington to have the same subdivided, and admitted to record."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the relief of certain persons therein mentioned was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of William White, and others."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making compensation to Captain Zebulon M. Pike, and his companions; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

An adjournment was then called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1808.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to enforce and make more effectual an act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' and the several acts supplementary thereto;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

On motion by Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be, and they are hereby, instructed to inquire into the expediency of placing lights at the entrance of Bayou St. John, on Lake Ponchartrain; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to deprive, in certain cases, vessels of their American character, and to prevent, under certain disabilities, any citizen of the United States taking a license from any foreign Power to navigate the ocean, or to trade with any other foreign and independent Power; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker presented to the House a petition of Jonathan Bailey and Phineas H. Holden, of Charlestown, in the State of Massachusetts, praying, for the reasons therein specified, a remission of foreign tonnage duty in the case of the schooner *Astrea*, chartered by the petitioners, and sent by them on a fishing voyage, from Boston to the coast of Labrador, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing a lottery to raise a sum of money for the purpose of finishing a church in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, for the use of the Episcopal Congregation in the said city: which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Lewis presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of Georgetown, in the Territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating certain inconveniences to which the memorialists and other citizens and residents within the said town and its vicinity have been and are now subjected; and praying that the act to amend the charter of Georgetown, passed the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and five, may be revised or amended in such manner as may, in the judgment of Congress, be best adapted to the convenience and benefit of the memorialists and others.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Cutts presented a petition of sundry owners of fishing vessels in the District of Kennebunk, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the allowances of bounty, granted prior to the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and seven, may be extended to the vessels employed in the whale and cod fisheries, and belonging to the district aforesaid.

Mr. Halsey presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the District of Portland and Falmouth, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the like effect.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On a motion made by Mr. Gardner, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the act laying an embargo on all the ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, be repealed on the first day of February next:

On the question that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration :

A question of order was moved by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, whether the same was admissible conformably with the standing rules and orders of the House? Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker decided, as the opinion of the chair, that the said motion of Mr. Gardner was not in order.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to enforce and make more effectual an act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' and the several acts supplementary thereto," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Kelly, and seconded, that the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the said bill be made the order of the day for Monday next:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that it be made the order of the day for Saturday next :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, } Yeas 61,
 } Nays 58.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Joseph Barker,
 John Blake, jun.
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Edwin Gray,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 William Helms,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Isley,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,

Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 William Milnor,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Russell,
 James Sloan,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Joseph Story,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt.

Archibald Van Horn,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Isaac Wilbour,

David R. Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,

Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,
William M'Creery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Rca, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of Navy officers, seamen, and marines, to which Committee of the Whole House was also committed a bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for arming, manning, and fitting out, for immediate service, all the public ships of war, vessels, and gun-boats, of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bills under consideration, and made several amendments to the first mentioned bill, and some progress in the second of the said bills.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said last mentioned bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1803.

On motion of Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that when this House adjourns, it will adjourn until Monday morning eleven o'clock:

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Clopton,

Ordered, That the petitions of William Fontaine, of John Adams, and of Robert Poore, of the State of Virginia, presented to this House on the twelfth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, the twenty-second of February, and the ninth of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Gardner,

Ordered, That the petition of Lot Hall, of the State of Vermont, presented the first of February last, be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of John Strother.

On motion of Mr. Burwell,

Resolved, That it is expedient that a committee be appointed to inquire into the extent to which the article of salt is, or can be supplied from the salt establishments within the United States; and that effectual means be immediately taken to render the supply adequate to the consumption and wants of the nation.

Ordered, That the committee to be appointed, pursuant to the above resolution, do consist of seven members.

A motion was made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, that the House do reconsider their vote, directing that the committee appointed, pursuant to the foregoing resolution, shall consist of seven members:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, that the committee on the said resolution do consist of seventeen members:

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Burwell, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Livermore, Mr. Blackledge, Mr. Jacob Richards, Mr. Mosely, Mr. Lambert, Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, Mr. Storer, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, Mr. Troup, Mr. Lemuel J. Alston, Mr. Howard, Mr. Samuel Smith, Mr. Wharton, Mr. Wilbour, and Mr. Shaw, be appointed a committee, pursuant thereto.

A motion was made by Mr. Gardner, and seconded, that the resolution proposed by Mr. Livermore on the seventeenth instant, for the purpose of granting permission to certain vessels to "clear out and depart from the ports and harbors of the United States for the purpose of importing salt," be referred to the committee last appointed:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The said proposed resolution was then again read at the Clerk's table, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of allowing certain vessels to clear out and depart from the ports and harbors of the United States, for the purpose of importing salt; and that they report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the issuing of debentures in certain cases; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported on the twenty-second instant, from the Committee of the Whole House to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of Navy officers, seamen, and marines," which lay on the table: Whereupon,

The second amendment, to fill up the blank in the eighth line of the bill with the words, "two thousand," was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House: Yeas 77; nays 29.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,

John Culpeper,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
John Heister,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,

Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker.

Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbourn,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Davenport jun.
Josiah Deane,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd.

Nathaniel Macon,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Joseph Story,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
David R. Williams.

The other amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House. The question was then taken, that the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day :

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 93,
 { Nays 17.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

**Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle.**

Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot.

John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Robert Marion,
 William M'Creery,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,

Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Clement Storer,
 Joseph Story,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 James Holland,
 Richard Jackson,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Josiah Masters,

Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Jabez Upham,
 David R. Williams.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report of the Committee of Claims, of the eighteenth ultimo, to whom was referred the memorial of Daniel Cotton, of the city of New York ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report their agreement to the resolution contained therein, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, as followeth :

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial of Daniel Cotton is reasonable, and ought to be granted.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution at the Clerk's table ; and, the same being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee of Claims do prepare and bring in the same.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the House of Representatives of the United States :

According to the request of the House of Representatives, in their resolution of November eleventh, that copies should be laid before them of all acts, decrees, orders,

and proclamations, affecting the commercial rights of neutral nations, issued or enacted by Great Britain and France, or any other belligerent Power, since the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one, and also of an act placing the commerce of America in English ports, upon the footing of the most favored nation, I now transmit them a report of the Secretary of State, of such of them as have been attainable in the Department of State, and are supposed to have entered into the views of the House of Representatives.

TH. JEFFERSON.

DECEMBER 23, 1808.

The said message, together with the report of the Secretary of State which accompanied the same, were read ; the reading of the remainder of the documents accompanying the said message was called for by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and objection being made thereto by Mr. Newton,

The question was taken, " Shall the residue of the said documents be now read ? "

And passed in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Alexander, and seconded, that the said message and documents do lie on the table :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Ordered, That five thousand copies of the same be printed for the use of the members of this House.

An engrossed bill authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, " An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines. "

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1808.

Ordered, That Mr. Say have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for three weeks, from this day.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee appointed on that part of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the session, which relates to the military and naval establishments, and to whom was referred, on the seventeenth instant, a resolution " for placing the country in a more complete state of defence, " made a report, in part, thereupon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Gardner,

Ordered, That the petition of Abraham Gales, of the county of Cheshire, in the State of New Hampshire, presented to this House the tenth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the committee appointed on the petition of John Strother.

On motion of Mr. Wilbour,

Ordered, That the petition of William Barton, of the State of Rhode Island, on behalf of himself and others, presented to the House the thirtieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the committee last mentioned.

Mr. Shaw presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Rutland, in the State of Vermont, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post route may be established from Troy, by Salem, in the State of New York, and Rupert, Pawlet, Middletown, and Ira, in the said State of Vermont, to Rutland, for the convenience and benefit of the said petitioners and others.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented according to order, a bill for the relief of Daniel Cotton ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee appointed, on the fifteenth instant, " to inquire into

the expediency of extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory," presented according to order, a bill extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the estimates of appropriations for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and nine; also, a statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States, for the year ending the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and eight; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and means.

On motion of Mr. Story,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be directed to inquire into the expediency of erecting beacons and piers upon any rocks or islands lying in Massachusetts bay, near the town or harbor of Marblehead.

Mr. Barker presented a representation of sundry inhabitants of Hanover, in the county of Plymouth, and State of Massachusetts, stating that the late appointment of electors of President and Vice President of the United States, by the Legislature of that State, is irregular and unconstitutional, in consequence of the failure of the said Legislature to lay the same before the Governor of the State for his approbation, as the law thereof directs; and praying that the Congress of the United States, when the electoral votes are opened and counted, will take the subject into their consideration, and prevent the establishment of so dangerous a precedent.

The said representation was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Wharton presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Tennessee, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying the establishment of post route from Daniel Alexander's, by White Court House, Warren Court House, Franklin Court House, Bedford Court House, Murray Court House, and thence to the main mail route in Williamson county.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Wharton,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Daniel Alexander's, on the mail road between Kingston and Carthage, in the State of Tennessee, to the places of holding courts in the following counties, to wit: White, Warren, Franklin, Bedford, and Murray, in said State.

On motion of Mr. Wharton,

Ordered, That the several memorials of the officers of the late Revolutionary army, presented to this House the first, seventh, and twelfth instant, be referred to Mr. Wharton, Mr. Seaver, Mr. Helms, Mr. John Morrow, Mr. John Campbell, Mr. Stanford, Mr. Thomas Moore, Mr. Heister, and Mr. Winn.

On motion of Mr. Story,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to consider whether any, and, if any, what, amendments are necessary to the act, entitled "An act for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States;" with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Story, Mr. Dana, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Troup, and Mr. John G. Jackson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A motion was made by Mr. Rice, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be discharged from the consideration of a resolution for the establishment of a post route from York Court House, in North Carolina, to the Seat of Government in South Carolina:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee on Foreign Relations presented according to order, a bill to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to enforce and make more

effectual an act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' and the several acts supplementary thereto," being called for ;

A motion was made by Mr. Newton, and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the consideration of the same :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. George Washington Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill to continue in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers ;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1808.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented three petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of the same tenor, and to the like effect with the petitions of sundry other inhabitants of the said State, presented on the twenty-third ultimo ; which were received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands

On motion of Mr. John G. Jackson,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Staunton to Pendleton Court House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to continue in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, upon the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was made by Mr. Tallmadge, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the same be postponed until this day two weeks :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time this day.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Dana, from the committee to whom was referred, on the twenty-third ultimo, the petition of Edward Beaumont, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Edward Beaumont ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. John G. Jackson, from the committee, to whom was referred, on the twenty-first ultimo, the petition of Return Jonathan Meigs, and others, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Jackson, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill giving a further compensation to the witnesses and venire who attended the trial of Aaron Burr before the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Virginia ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the annual statement of the district tonnage of the United States, on the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House another letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of goods, wares, and merchandise, exported from the United States, nominally, during one year prior to the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and eight, but in fact, during the three last months of the year one thousand eight hundred and seven; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Story presented to the House a document in support of the prayer of the petition of William R. Lee, collector of the customs for the district of Salem and Beverly, presented on the twenty-first instant; which was ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A motion was made by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to enforce and make more effectual an act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' and the several acts supplementary thereto," be discharged from the farther consideration of the same, for the purpose of referring it to a select committee:

A motion was then made by Mr. Sloan, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said bill be *postponed indefinitely*:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The question then recurred upon the motion of Mr. Jackson;

And the same being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill be referred to Mr. John G. Jackson, Mr. Macon, Mr. Findley, Mr. Story, Mr. Southard, Mr. Bibb, and Mr. Howard, to consider and report thereon to the House.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1808.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter,

Ordered, That the petition of Alexander Baillie, of the Mississippi Territory, presented to this House on the sixth of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to Mr. Poindexter, Mr. Franklin, Mr. Calhoun, Mr. Milnor, and Mr. Lyon, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Ordered, That Mr. Goodwyn have leave to be absent from the service of this House, for twelve days, from this day.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Love, from the committee appointed, the eighth instant, on the petition of John Strother, and to whom were also referred, at sundry times, other petitions upon the subject of claims against the United States, which are barred by the statutes of limitation, presented, according to order, a bill making provision for the discharge of certain unsatisfied claims against the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The Speaker presented to the House a representation of sundry inhabitants of Pepperell, in the county of Middlesex, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, of the same tenor, and to the like effect with the representation of sundry inhabitants of Hanover, in the county of Plymouth, and Commonwealth aforesaid, presented on the twenty-sixth instant.

Ordered, That the said representation do lie on the table.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a petition of John M'Intire, of Zanesville, in the State of Ohio, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that he may be confirmed in his title to a certain fraction of land in the first section of the sixteenth township, and fourteenth range, which the petitioner purchased of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred and three.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

An engrossed bill to continue in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to continue in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes;'" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Augustin Serry; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trigg reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Andrew Joseph Villard;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Willis Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the Vice President of the United States being indisposed, and unable to attend, the Senate have proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, as the Constitution provides, and the Honorable Stephen R. Bradley, of Vermont, hath been duly elected. And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Andrew Joseph Villard," was read the third time;

And the question being stated from the Chair that the same do pass?

A motion was made by Mr. Alexander, and seconded, that the farther consideration thereof be postponed until Monday next:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The question then recurred on the passage of the bill;

And the said question being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 55,
 { Nays 44.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Hassett,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,

Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick.

John Love,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
Jacob Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,

Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
William Blackledge,
William A. Burwell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Davenport, jun.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.

Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Whitehill,
Nathan Wilson.

A motion was made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, to amend the title of the said bill to read in the words following, to wit :

“An act to reward Andrew Joseph Villard for certain extra services and expenses :”

And on the question that the title be so amended ?

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 25,
 { Nays 59.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,

James Kelly,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*.
Samuel Smith,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,

William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,

John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Ilsley,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Robert Marion,

Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
James I. Van Alen,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for the relief of Andrew Joseph Villard."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes,'" together with the amendments thereto, were read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill, as amended, do pass.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith, and desire their concurrence in the said amendments.

Mr. John G. Jackson, from the committee to whom was yesterday referred the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to enforce and make more effectual an act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' and the several acts supplementary thereto," made a report thereon; which was read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of sundry owners and mariners of fishing vessels, living within the district of Wiscasset, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the Comptroller of the Treasury may be instructed to credit the collector of the said district of Wiscasset, the whole amount of the bounty paid to the petitioners by the collector aforesaid, for the fishing season of the year one thousand eight hundred and seven.

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1808.

Mr. Clopton presented a petition of James Gibbon, of the State of Virginia, praying to be allowed the commutation of half-pay, in consideration of his services as an officer in the Pennsylvania line of the Continental army during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which the petitioner hath not yet been allowed, for the reasons therein stated.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill making provision for the discharge of certain unsatisfied claims against the United States.

On motion of Mr. Milnor,

Ordered, That the petition of John Lohman, presented to this House on the thirtieth December, one thousand eight hundred and five, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

On motion of Mr. Blount,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the expediency of continuing in force the act, entitled "An act for the establishment of trading houses with the Indian tribes;" and also to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, a nendment is necessary to the same.

On motion of Mr. Clopton,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Hanover Court House to New Kent Court House, in the State of Virginia, so as to pass by Hanover town.

Mr. Calhoun presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Abbeville District, in the State of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post office may be established at the house of Colonel Reuben Nash, on the post road from Greenville Court House to Abbeville Court House.

Mr. Calhoun also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Laurens District, in the State of South Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that post offices may be established at sundry places therein named, on the post road leading from Greenville Court House to Columbia, in the said State.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Cook,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry owners and mariners of fishing vessels living within the District of Wiscasset, in the State of Massachusetts, presented yesterday, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Augustin Serry was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Augustin Serry."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President to employ an additional number of revenue cutters," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to deprive, in certain cases, vessels of their American character, and to prevent, under certain disabilities, any citizen of the United States taking a license from any foreign Power to navigate the ocean, or to trade with any foreign and independent Power ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendments ; and the same being again read, the first, second, and third were, upon the question severally put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, to strike out so much of the said bill as is contained in the first section of the same :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, that the House do reconsider their vote for striking out the first section of the aforesaid bill :

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1808.

Another member, to wit : Nicholas Van Dyke, from Delaware, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

On motion of Mr. Dawson, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be directed to inquire into the expediency of removing the Collector's Office from the port of Tappahannock, to that of Fredericksburg, in the State of Virginia ; with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

At the request of the Governor, the Senate, and House of Representatives, of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, I communicate certain resolutions, entered into by the said Senate and House of Representatives, and approved by the Governor, on the twenty third instant. It cannot but be encouraging to those whom the nation has placed in the direction of their affairs, to see that their fellow citizens will press forward in support of their country, in proportion as it is threatened by the disorganizing conflicts of the other Hemisphere.

TH. JEFFERSON.

DECEMBER 30, 1808.

The said message and resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Another message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I lay before the Legislature a letter from Governor Claiborne, on the subject of a small tribe of Alabama Indians, on the Western side of the Mississippi, consisting of about a dozen families. Like other erratic tribes in that country, it is understood that they have hitherto moved from place to place, according to their convenience, without appropriating to themselves exclusively any particular territory. But having now become habituated to some of the occupations of civilized life, they wish for a fixed residence. I suppose it will be the interest of the United States to encourage the wandering tribes of that country to reduce themselves to fixed habitations, whenever they are so disposed. The establishment of towns, and growing attachments to them, will furnish, in some degree, pledges of their peaceable and friendly conduct. The case of this particular tribe is now submitted to the consideration of Congress.

TH. JEFFERSON.

DECEMBER 30, 1808.

The said message was read, and, together with the letter accompanying the same, ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be, and they are hereby, instructed to bring in a bill to permit the franking of the message of the President of the United States, of the twenty-third of December, one thousand eight hundred and eight, and the documents accompanying the same, and such other documents as may be communicated by the President of the United States, from time to time, to both Houses of Congress.

Mr. Quincy presented a petition of sundry mariners, late masters and mates of vessels belonging to the port of Portland, in the District of Maine, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that some measures may be adopted by the General Government for their assistance and support, they being deprived of their usual means of obtaining a livelihood, by the operation of the various acts laying an embargo within the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Helms from the committee appointed, on the twenty-fifth ultimo, on the petition of John Hearl, of the State of New Jersey, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Helms, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the discharge of John Heard from his imprisonment; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. Wharton,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed for the purpose of considering whether any, and, if any, what, amendments are necessary to be made to the act of Congress, entitled "An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act establishing Circuit Courts and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of the Districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio,'" passed the twenty-second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. Wharton, Mr. Boyle, and Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to authorize the President to employ an additional number of revenue cutters," were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Nelson,

Ordered, That the farther consideration of the bill to deprive, in certain cases, vessels of their American character, and to prevent, under certain disabilities, any citizen of the United States taking a license from any foreign Power, to navigate the ocean, or to trade with any foreign and independent Power, and which was yesterday depending at the time of adjournment, be postponed until Monday next.

Mr. Cook presented a petition of sundry owners of fishing vessels residing within the port of Bath, in the District of Maine, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of the same tenor, and to the like effect with a petition of sundry owners and mariners of fishing vessels living within the District of Wiscasset, presented to the House on the twenty-eighth instant.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the report, in part, of the committee appointed on so much of the President's message, at the commencement of the session, as relates to our military and naval establishments, made on the twenty-sixth instant; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Marion reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said report under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the resolution contained therein.

The House proceeded to consider the said resolution; and the same being again read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That it is expedient immediately to raise, arm, and equip *fifty* thousand volunteers, to serve for the term of *two* years."

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, to amend the same, by striking out therefrom the word, "*fifty*," also, the word, "*two*." Whereupon,

A division of the question on the said amendment was called for by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded;

And on the question to agree to so much of the said amendment as proposes to strike out the word "*fifty*,"

It passed in the negative.

The question was then taken, that the House do agree to the remainder of the said amendment, which proposes to strike out the word, "*two*,"

And resolved in the affirmative.

And then the main question being taken that the House do agree to the said resolution, as so amended,

And was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 76,
Nays 34

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,

Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,

Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,

Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Clement Storer,
Joseph Story,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,

William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
David R. Williams.

Ordered, That a bill, or bills, be brought in, pursuant to the said resolution ; and that the Committee on the Military and Naval Establishments do prepare and bring in the same.

Mr. John G. Jackson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Andrew Joseph Villiard," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, in pursuance of a resolution this day agreed to by the House, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the transmission of certain documents, by the mail, free of postage ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time.

A motion was then made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that the bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time this day.

Mr. Holland presented a petition of Mary Miller and Ann Hampton, late Ann Love, of the State of North Carolina, on behalf of themselves and the orphan children of James Miller and James Love, both deceased, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the estates of the said deceased may be exonerated from the payment of a bond due to the United States, given by them as the securities of a certain Lewis Hunter, collector of the direct tax for the county of Rutherford, in the State of North Carolina.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with his opinion thereupon, to the House.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1808.

An engrossed bill to authorize the transmission of certain documents by the mail, free of postage, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to authorize the transmission of certain documents, by the mail, free of postage."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Thomas, from the committee appointed, on the thirteenth instant, to inquire into the expediency of dividing the Indiana Territory, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Thomas, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill for dividing the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last appointed.

Mr. Macon, one of the members for the State of North Carolina, presented to the House sundry resolutions of the Legislature of the said State, relative to the present state of affairs between the United States and the belligerent Powers of Europe, and expressive of their determination to support such measures as Congress in their wisdom may adopt for the honor, safety, and independence, of the United States.

The said resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is expedient to interdict, by law, all commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and all other Powers having in force orders or decrees violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States:

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-sixth instant, "a bill to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes."

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President to employ an additional number of revenue cutters:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth disagree to the first amendment, and doth agree to the second amendment of the Senate to the said bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the late and of the present army of the United States; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Jacob Richards reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill, and the same being amended at the Clerk's table, was, on motion of Mr. Blount, ordered to be recommitted, together with the amendments, to Mr. Nelson, Mr. Say, Mr. Richard Jackson, Mr. Blount, and Mr. John Smith, farther to consider and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Wharton, from the committee appointed on the thirtieth instant, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act establishing Circuit Courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio,'" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dana, from the committee appointed on the twentieth instant, presented, according to order, a bill concerning associations for the security of navigation; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A motion was made by Mr. Wynn, and seconded, that when this House adjourns, it will adjourn until Tuesday morning eleven o'clock:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 60,
 { Nays 43.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

David Bard,
William Butler,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
James Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,

Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Thomas Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
David R. Williams,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,

Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Isaiah L. Green,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
John Love,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,

**Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Nicholas Van Dyke.**

Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson.

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of sundry citizens of the States of Kentucky and Tennessee, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying the establishment of new post roads, from the town of Glasgow, in Kentucky, to the town of Nashville, in Tennessee; and from the town of Carthage, in Tennessee, to Warren Court House, in Kentucky, for the benefit and convenience of the petitioners and others.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Tuesday next.

And then the House adjourned until Tuesday morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3. 1809.

Mr. Macon, from the committee appointed on so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates to revising and improving the militia system of the United States, made a report thereon; which was read: Whereupon;

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the report be recommitted to a select committee, and that the said committee be instructed to report a bill to class the militia according to age, and to provide for arming such persons as may hereafter be placed on the militia list, at the public expense :

And the said motion being under debate,

A motion was made by Mr. Lyon, and seconded, that the said report and proposed resolution be referred to a Committee of the Whole House :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the same be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate recede from their first amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the President to employ an additional number of revenue cutters." The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of certain pensions by the Secretary of War, at the Seat of Government," without amendment. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to enforce and make more effectual an act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto;'" and on the report of a select committee thereon, of the twenty-eighth ultimo; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

A motion was made by Mr. Blackledge, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 60,
 { Nays 10.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle.

William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun
Joseph Desba,
James Elliot.

John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardénier,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Helms,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,

Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Matthew Clay,
Josiah Deane,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
John Heister,
John Montgomery,

Matthias Richards,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Jesse Wharton.

Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1809.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill conferring certain power relative to roads and bridges on the Levy Court for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Sturges, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Fairfield, through Redding of Danbury, all in the county of Fairfield, in the State of Connecticut.

On motion of Mr. Calhoun, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Edgefield Court House, to pass by the way of Tutt's old mills on Cuffeetown creek, and through Wilmington, in Abbeville District, to Vienna, to Bell's ford, on Rocky river; and thence, to Pendleton Court House, in the State of South Carolina.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, further provisions are necessary to be made for the relief not only of sick and disabled, but also, of distressed seamen; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise,

On motion of Mr. Boyle, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of reducing the price of the public lands, and abolishing the credit upon the sales thereof; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

On a motion made by Mr. Story, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred so much of the President's

John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,

Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
James Holland,
David Holmes,

Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Jacob Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
George M. Troup,
Jesse Wharton,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Richard Winn.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines," with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed the bill, entitled " An act to continue in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled ' An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers,' with amendments; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have postponed, until the first Monday in June next, the farther consideration of the bill, entitled " An act to authorize the transmission of certain documents, by mail, free of postage. " And then he withdrew.

A motion was made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred, on the tenth of November last, a resolution moved by Mr. Chittenden, and herein before referred to, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said proposed resolution be committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the bill to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies; and for other purposes.

A division of the question on the said motion, was called for by Mr. Elliot, and seconded :

And on the question that the House do agree to the first member of the said motion of Mr. Bacon, for discharging the Committee of the Whole House from consideration :

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 23,
Nays 91.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Danie M. Durell,
James Elliot,
James Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,

Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Matthew Lyon,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Samuel Shaw,

Jedediah K. Smith,
Clement Storer,
Joseph Story,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,

James I. Van Alen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson jun.
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,

William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
William C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*.
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

And so the question on the last member of the said motion was lost.

A motion was then made by Mr. Van Cortlandt, and seconded, that the House do now, according to the order of the day, resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said resolution proposed by Mr. Chittenden, on the tenth of November last :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 62,
Nays 49.

The yeas and yeas being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 Joseph Barker,
 William W. Bibb,
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 William Butler,
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Joseph Desha,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 Williams Helms,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Matthew Lyon,

Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Russell,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Samuel Smith,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 David R. Williams,
 Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
 Burwell Bassett,
 Adam Boyd,
 Robert Brown,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Orchard-Cook,
 Richard Cutts,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson jun.
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 John G. Jackson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,

Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Thomas Moore,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Taylor,
 George M. Troup,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

A motion was then made by Mr. Mosely, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 40,
 { Nays 38.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
David Bard,
William Blackledge,
John Boyle,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Ilsley,
Walter Jones,

John Lambert,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Robert Marion,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Josiah Quincy,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Alen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Whitehill.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Burwell Bassett,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
John Harris,
John Heister,
James Holland,
John G. Jackson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nathaniel Macon,

John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Jesse Wharton,
David R. Williams,
Richard Winn.

Whereupon,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 1809.

Mr. John G. Jackson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the fourth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Andrew Joseph Villard."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with sundry statements made in conformity to the several provisions of the laws providing for the sale of public lands South of the State of Tennessee; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to amend the charter of Georgetown;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, accord-

ing to order, a bill for the relief of sick, disabled, and distressed seamen ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee appointed on so such of the message from the President of the United States at the commencement of the present session, as relates to the military and naval establishments, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the appointment of a Superintendent of Ordnance ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Findley, from the Committee of Elections, to whom it was referred to examine the certificates of election or other credentials of several new members returned to serve in this House, in the room of others who are deceased, or have resigned their seats, made a report thereupon ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, were the same was read, and is as followeth :

" On examining the certificates and credentials of Joseph Story, returned for the State of Massachusetts, in the room of Jacob Crowninshield, deceased ; of Richard Jackson, returned for the State of Rhode Island, in the room of Nehemiah Knight, deceased ; of Samuel Shaw, returned for the State of Vermont, to serve in the room of James Witherell, who hath resigned his seat ; of Nathan Wilson, returned for the State of New York, in the room of David Thomas, appointed Treasurer of that State ; of Benjamin Say, returned for the State of Pennsylvania, in the room of Joseph Clay, who hath resigned his seat ; of Thomas Gholson, junior, returned for the State of Virginia, in the room of John Claiborne, deceased ; and of Jesse B. Thomas, elected a delegate for the Territory of Indiana, by the Legislature thereof, to serve in the second session of the Tenth Congress, in the room of Benjamin Parke, appointed a Judge of the Superior Court of that Territory : Report—

" That the certificates and other credentials of the elections and returns of Joseph Story, for the State of Massachusetts ; Samuel Shaw, for the State of Vermont ; Richard Jackson, for the State of Rhode Island ; Nathan Wilson, for the State of New York ; Benjamin Say, for the State of Pennsylvania ; Thomas Gholson, junior, for the State of Virginia ; and Jesse B. Thomas, for the Territory of Indiana ; are sufficient to entitle them to seats in this House."

Ordered, That the said report do lie on the table.

Mr. Bassett, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred a resolution proposed by Mr. Chittenden, in the following words, to wit : "*Resolved*, That the act passed at the last session of Congress, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' and the several acts supplementary and additional thereto, ought to be immediately repealed ;" also, sundry other resolutions subsequently proposed, and petitions presented, to the House, touching the same subject ; reported that the committee had, yesterday, according to order, had the said resolutions and petitions under consideration ; and in the course of the discussion, the committee found themselves without a quorum, and thereby dissolved : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said proposed resolutions, together with the petitions presented, touching the subject aforesaid, do lie on the table.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Augustin Serry," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the fourth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of Andrew Joseph Villard." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to enforce and make more effectual an act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' and the several acts supplementary thereto," and the report of a select committee thereon, made the twenty-eighth ultimo ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under

consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, amended, and agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table.

A motion was made by Mr. Pitkin, and seconded, farther to amend the bill, by striking out in the fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh lines of the ninth section thereof, the following words: "*or when in vessels, carts, wagons, sleighs, or any other carriage, or in any manner apparently on their way towards the Territories of a Foreign Nation, or the vicinity thereof; or towards a place whence such articles are intended to be exported:*"

And on the question for striking out the words as herein before recited,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 41,
 Nays 51.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Daniel M. Durcell,
James Elliot,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
John Harris,
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,

Thomas Newbold,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
John Russell,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Joseph Story,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
David R. Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppea,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,

David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Walter Jones,
John Lambert,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Nicholas R. Moore,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
John Taylor,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Willbour,
Alexander Wilson.

A motion was then made by Mr. Sturges, and seconded, farther to amend the bill by striking out from the word "thereof," in the second line of the thirteenth section, to the end thereof, the following words: "*during the continuance of the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and no longer;*" and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the following words: "until the first day of June next."

A division of the question on the said amendment was called for by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded: Whereupon,

The question being taken on the first member of the said proposed amendment for striking out the words as herein before recited,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 27,
 { Nays 75.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Epaphroditus Champion,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
John Harris,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Matthew Lyon,

Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard.

Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Husley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania.*
John Rhea, *of Tennessee.*
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,

Joseph Story,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,

Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

And so the said first member, as also the residue of the said proposed amendment, was lost.

Another motion was made by Mr. Sturges, and seconded, farther to amend the said bill by adding a new section to the end thereof, as the fourteenth section, in the words following, to wit :

Sec. 14. "*And be it further enacted*, That this act, and the act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' and all laws supplementary thereto, be, and they are hereby, repealed from and after the fourth day of March next."

A question of order was moved thereupon by Mr. Bassett, and seconded, whether, in the opinion of the Chair, the last proposed amendment could be received in conformity to the standing rules and orders of the House : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker decided, as his opinion, that the said proposed amendment was in order.

The question then recurred, that the House do agree to the said amendment of Mr. Sturges, as originally proposed, and herein before recited :

And after farther debate on the said last amendment proposed by Mr. Sturges to the bill,

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 35,
 { Nays 81.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,

Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,

William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, junior,
Isaiah L. Green,

John Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Daniel Montgomery, junior,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,

John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 Joseph Story,
 Peter Swart,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

A question of order was raised by Mr. John G. Jackson, whether Mr. Elliot, one of the members for Vermont, was in order, by introducing into discussion insinuations against the Executive of the United States for not communicating to this House information received from the Minister of the United States at Paris, in due time, (which communication was received by the President antecedent to the twenty-second of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight :) Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker decided as the opinion of the Chair, that the said insinuations were not in order, and irrelevant to the question depending before the House :

From which decision of the Chair, an appeal was made to the House by Mr. Gardener, and seconded ;

And on the question, "Is the said decision of the Chair correct ?"

It was resolved in the affirmative, } Yeas 71,
 } Nays 28.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, junior,
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 William Findley,

James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, junior,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Robert Marion,
 Daniel Montgomery, junior,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,

Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,

John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Joseph Story,
John Taylor,
James I. Van Alen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
John Harris,
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,

Joseph Lewis, jun.
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Russell,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

A question of order was raised by Mr. Randolph, whether, after a question by yeas and nays was put by the Speaker, and the Clerk had proceeded to the call, and answer made by any one of the members, and, at the same time, a member rising in his place to address the chair, it precluded farther debate on the said question : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker decided, as the opinion of the Chair, that in all cases of that kind, farther debate on the question then depending before the House ought to be precluded.

From which decision of the Chair, an appeal was made to the House by Mr. Randolph, and seconded :

And on the question, "Is the said decision of the chair correct ?"

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 99,
 { Nays 10.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,

George W. Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.

Charles Goldsborough,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Philip B. Key,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,

Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 John Porter,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Joseph Story,
 Peter Swart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Edwin Gray,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.

Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 Lewis B. Sturges.

No farther amendment being then offered to the said bill,

The question was stated from the chair, that the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and, together with the bill, be read the third time : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, farther to amend the bill, by striking out the eleventh section thereof, in the words following, to wit :

“ SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, or such other person as he shall have empowered for that purpose, to employ such part of the land or naval forces or militia of the United States, or of the territories thereof, as may be judged necessary in conformity with the provisions of this and other acts respecting the embargo, for the purpose of preventing the illegal departure of any ship or vessel, or of detaining, taking possession of, and keeping in custody, any ship or vessel, or of taking into custody and guarding any specie, or articles of domestic growth, produce, or manufacture ; and, also, for the purpose of preventing and suppressing any armed or riotous assemblage of persons resisting the custom house officers in the exercise of their duties, or in any manner opposing the execution of the laws laying an embargo, or otherwise violating, or assisting and abetting violations of the same :”

And on the question that the House do agree to the said proposed amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 31,
 { Nays 70.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 John Harris,
 Richard Jackson,
 Philip B. Key,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loë Livermore,
 Matthew Lyon,

Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Russell,
 James Sloan,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Jabez Upham,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, junior,
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Richard Cutts,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,

Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Robert Marion,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 John Taylor,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

The amendments to the said bill, as agreed to by the House, being brought in-
 grossed, the question was again stated from the chair, that the same be read the third
 time ;

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 73,
 { Nays 29.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Richard Cutts,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,

John Lambert,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 Joseph Story,
 John Taylor,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 John Harris,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,

Matthew Lyon,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Russell,
 James Sloan,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 Jabez Upham,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

A motion was made by Mr. Sturges, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:
 And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 35,
 { Nays 79.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Epaphroditus Champion,

Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,

Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jr.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,

Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,

John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Joseph Story,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

A motion was then made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the said bill, with the amendments, be read the third time on Saturday next:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 35,
Nays 68.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
John Harris,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,

Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,

Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Robert Marion,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

On the question that the bill, with the amendments, be now read the third time,
It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said bill, as amended, was, accordingly, read the third time :

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 71,
Nays 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willia Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bobb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Dasha,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,

William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Clement Storer,
Joseph Story,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
John Harris,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,

Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Josiah Quincy,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the title; and that the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence in the amendments thereto.

On motion of Mr. John G. Jackson, that, when this House adjourns, it will adjourn until Saturday morning eleven o'clock:

The question was taken thereupon,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Van Dyke presented a memorial of sundry late officers in the Delaware line of the late Revolutionary army, in behalf of themselves and others, praying that such far-

ther compensation may be granted to the memorialists, for their respective services in the capacity aforesaid, as shall be equivalent to an allowance of half-pay for life; or that such other relief may be afforded in the premises, as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Ordered, That the said memorial be referred to the committee appointed, the twenty-sixth ultimo, on the memorials of sundry other late officers of the said Revolutionary army; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Saturday next.

And then the House adjourned until Saturday morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1809.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the proprietors of squares and lots in the city of Washington to have the same subdivided, and admitted to record," without amendment. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation towards completing the two wings of the Capitol at the city of Washington, and for other purposes;" also, a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria to alter their style and firm, and to insure against loss by fire;" to which bills, respectively, the Senate desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a statement of the sums annually received at the Treasury of the United States since the commencement of proceedings under the Constitution; and, also, a statement exhibiting the annual amount of the respective branches of the Customs, and the charges thereon; in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the twentieth ultimo; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The message, in writing, from the President of the United States, received on Thursday last, was read, and is as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I communicate, for the information of Congress, the report of the Director of the Mint of the operations of that establishment during the last year.

TH. JEFFERSON.

JANUARY 5, 1809.

Ordered, That the said message, together with the report referred to therein, and sundry statements transmitted therewith, do lie on the table.

Mr. John G. Jackson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the sixth instant, present to the President of the United States, two enrolled bills : one, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to employ an additional number of revenue cutters;" and another, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of certain pensions by the Secretary of War at the Seat of Government."

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I now lay before Congress a statement of the works of defence which it has been thought necessary to provide in the first instance, for the security of our sea-ports towns and harbors, and of the progress towards their completion; their extent has been adapted to the scale of the appropriation, and to the circumstances of the several places.

The works undertaken at New York, are calculated to annoy and endanger any naval force which shall enter the harbor, and, still more, one which should attempt to lie before the city. To prevent altogether the entrance of large vessels, a line of blocks across the harbor has been contemplated, and would, as is believed, with the auxiliary means already provided, render that city safe against naval enterprise. The expense, as well as the importance of the work, render it a subject proper for the special consideration of Congress.

At New Orleans, two separate systems of defence are necessary; the one for the river, the other for the lake, which, at present, can give no aid to one another. The canal now leading from the lake, if continued into the river, would enable the armed vessels in both stations to unite, and to meet in conjunction an attack from either side; half the aggregate force would then have the same effect as the whole; or the same force

double the effect of what either can have. It would also enable the vessels stationed in the lake, when attacked by superior force, to retire to a safer position in the river. The same considerations of expense and importance render this also a question for the special decision of Congress.

TH. JEFFERSON.

JANUARY 6, 1809.

The said message, and a report from the Secretary of War on the subject of fortifications, which accompanied the same, were read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, the eleventh of November last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session, as relates to the military and naval establishments.

Another message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the sixth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to employ an additional number of revenue cutters;" also, that the President did, this day, approve and sign an act, entitled "An act authorizing the payment of certain pensions by the Secretary of War at the Seat of Government," which also originated in this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of John Maclot, of the District of St. Louis, in the Territory of Louisiana, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that the right of pre-emption to purchase a certain quantity of vacant land belonging to the United States in the said district of St. Louis, may be granted to the petitioner, for the purpose of furnishing fuel to support a factory erected by him for manufacturing patent shot and minimum in the Territory aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the petition of Mary Miller and Anne Hampton, referred to him by order of the House, on the thirtieth ultimo; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On a motion made by Mr. Van Dyke, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to cause to be laid before this House a list of the names and number of officers, and the number of non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, belonging to each of the old regiments of the United States, noting the number now wanting to complete the same; and, also, a list of the names and number of officers appointed under the act of the last session, entitled "An act to raise, for a limited time, an additional military force;" and the number of men that have been enlisted pursuant to the provisions of the said act:

The House proceeded to consider the said proposed resolution at the Clerk's table; and the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to enforce and make more effectual an act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' and the several acts supplementary thereto." And then he withdrew.

On a motion made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of providing, by law, for the meeting of the next Congress at an earlier period than the first Monday of December next, with leave to report by bill, or otherwise:

The House proceeded to consider the said proposed resolution at the Clerk's table: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Alexander, and seconded, that the same do lie on the table:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The main question was then put, that the House do agree to the said resolution, as originally proposed,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Smilie, Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Macon, Mr. Dana, Mr. Story, Mr. Boyle, and Mr. Blake, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act to continue in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers :'" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendments.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9. 1809.

Another member, to wit ; John Rowan, from Kentucky, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the petition of Isaac Briggs, presented the sixth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and of Beniot Schweighauser, by John Mason, his Attorney, presented the twenty fourth of February, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and a report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, of the eleventh of December, in the same year, be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Van Rensselaer presented a petition of Waterman Baldwin, of the county of Tioga, in the State of New York, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that the pension allowed him by law, in consideration of hardships and disabilities sustained by the petitioner, whilst a private in the Continental Army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, may be extended to the period at which the said hardships and disabilities were incurred.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Story, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to report a bill to this House, authorizing the transmission, by mail, free of postage, of the President's Message of the twenty-third of December last past, and the documents accompanying the same, which have been printed by the Senate and House of Representatives.

On motion of Mr. George W. Campbell, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth of December last, a petition of sundry mariners, late masters and mates of vessels belonging to the port of Portland, in the District of Maine, be discharged from the consideration of the same.

Mr. Holland presented two petitions of sundry citizens of the county of Lincoln, in the State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively praying, for the reasons therein specified, a repeal of the several acts laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented petitions from sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, praying, for the reasons therein enumerated, a remission of the forfeitures of interest which have been or may be incurred, and an extension of the time for the payment of the instalments of the purchase money due to the United States for lands purchased by the petitioners, respectively.

The said petitions were received, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Secretary of State be directed to lay before this House a statement of the whole number of persons born in foreign countries, and legally admitted citizens of the United States by naturalization, who have been registered as American seamen, and returned as such to the Department of State, according to the lists transmitted by the collectors of the customs, in pursuance of the law relative to the relief and protection of American seamen.

On a motion made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That, for the benefit of seamen of the United States, it is proper to make provision that registered ships or vessels, after a time to be limited by law, shall not continue to enjoy the benefits and privileges appertaining to ships or vessels of the United States, unless some of the mariners on board shall be citizens of the United States :

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Marsham Waring, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, inhabitants of the District of Columbia, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that all executions which have been or may be awarded against the petitioners and other inhabitants of the said District, may be stayed during the continuance of the embargo and non-intercourse laws of the United States; or, that such other relief may be afforded in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee to whom was recommitteed, the bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the late and of the present army of the United States, reported several amendments thereto; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment of the Senate to the second amendment proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act for extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes:'" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment to the amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Augustin Serry:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. John G. Jackson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit: "An act to revive and continue in force, for a further time, the first section of an act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers,'" and "An act to enforce and make more effectual an act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' and the several acts supplementary thereto;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. John G. Jackson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present the last mentioned enrolled bills to the President of the United States, for his approbation.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines:" Whereupon,

The first amendment being read at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, that the said amendments of the Senate, together with the bill, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Dawson, and seconded, that the said bill and amendments do lie on the table until to-morrow:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 40,
 { Nays 78.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
William Ely,

Mesback Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Charles Goldsborough,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Helms,
Reuben Humphreys,
Richard Jackson,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
William McCreery,
Jonathan O. Mosely,

Roger Nelson,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Joseph Story,

Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Daniel C. Verplanck.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,

Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson.

The question then recurred on agreeing to the first amendment ;
And debate arising thereon,
An adjournment was called for : On which,
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1809.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act making a further appropriation towards completing the two wings of the Capitol at the city of Washington, and for other purposes," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The bill from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the Marine Insurance

Company of Alexandria to alter their style and firm, and insure against loss by fire," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Nelson, and seconded.

Ordered, That the amendments reported, yesterday, from the select committee to whom was recommitted the bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the late and of the present army of the United States, which lay on the table, be committed, together with the bill, to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the transportation of certain documents, by mail, free of postage; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be presently engrossed, and read the third time.

The said bill being brought in engrossed, was accordingly read the third time;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents, by mail, free of postage."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Nicholas presented a petition of sundry officers of the Virginia line of the late Revolutionary army, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that such compensation may be made as may be equivalent to the respective services and losses of the petitioners, in the capacity aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, the twenty-sixth ultimo, on the memorials and petitions of the late officers of the said Revolutionary army.

Mr. Nicholas also presented a petition of Richard Bland Lee, of the State of Virginia, praying that compensation may be made to him for a quantity of wood and timber which was cut and removed by a detachment of the army, from a tract of land adjoining Harper's Ferry, on the river Potomac, in which the petitioner holds a fee simple reversionary interest; or that the Government of the United States may purchase the said tract of land on such terms as shall be deemed reasonable and just.

The said petition was read, and, together with the report of the Secretary of War on a former petition to the like effect, ordered to be referred to Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Kenan, Mr. Van Cortlandt, Mr. Stedman, and Mr. Van Dyke; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be authorized to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post route from Windsor to Plymouth, in North Carolina.

Mr. Thomas presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of St. Clair and Randolph, in the Indiana Territory, praying that the right of pre-emption to secure the settlements and improvements made by the petitioners on lands in the said Territory, may be granted to them, for the reasons therein specified.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Chittenden presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the States of New Hampshire and Vermont, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Hanover, in New Hampshire, to Middlebury, in Vermont, to pass through the towns or places therein enumerated.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of Joseph Squire, junior, and Isaiah Jennings, of the city and State of New York, praying that such additional duty may be imposed by law, on welded and open thimbles for sails and rigging of vessels, imported from foreign countries, as may effectually promote the manufacture of that article within the United States.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker presented to the House a representation of sundry inhabitants of Townsend, in the county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating certain objections to the manner of appointing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the said State of Massachusetts; and praying the interference of the powers vested by the Constitution in the two Houses of Congress, to prevent the establishment of a precedent which, in their opinion, will have a dangerous tendency.

The said representation was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Dana, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire into the propriety of amending the law relative to bonds which may be required for enrolled or licensed vessels of the United States, with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

The House proceeded to consider a resolution proposed, yesterday, by Mr. Dana, and ordered to lie on the table; and the same being amended to read as followeth:

Resolved, That, for the benefit of the seamen of the United States, it is proper to make provision, that registered ships or vessels, after a time to be limited by law, shall not continue to enjoy the benefits and privileges appertaining to ships or vessels of the United States, unless a certain proportion of the mariners on board the same, shall be citizens of the United States.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to Mr. Dana, Mr. David R. Williams, Mr. Quincy, Mr. Mumford, and Mr. M'Cree, with leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of the Pastor and Committee of the Presbyterian congregation, in the town of Alexandria, in behalf of themselves and others, praying that an act of Congress may be passed for incorporating the congregation aforesaid, under such terms and provisions as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On motion of Mr. Dawson,

Ordered, That the petition of William Wedderburn, of the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, presented the ninth of December, one thousand eight hundred and five, with the documents accompanying the same, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Barker presented a representation from sundry inhabitants of Hanover, in the county of Plymouth, and State of Massachusetts, of the same tenor and to the like effect with the representation presented this day, by Mr. Speaker, from sundry inhabitants of the county of Middlesex, in the said State; which was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Green,

Ordered, That the memorial of sundry merchants of the Island of Nantucket, in the State of Massachusetts, presented the ninth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Samuel Carson, a native of Ireland, now residing in the county of Alexandria, in the Territory of Columbia, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that the petitioner may be authorized by law, to obtain a title in fee simple, to a certain tract or parcel of land purchased by him, and situated in the county and Territory aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

Mr. Mosely presented a memorial of Stephen Alling, of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut, praying that he may be allowed the commutation of five years full pay, and other emoluments due for the services of the memorialist, as a Lieutenant of Artillery in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, a bill making provision for the discharge of certain unsatisfied claims against the United States.

On motion of Mr. Van Horn, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee for the District of Columbia be instructed to inquire what amendments are necessary in the act concerning the District of Columbia.

Mr. Verplanck presented a memorial of sundry citizens of the county of Ulster, in the State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Newburgh to Chenango Point, in the said State, to pass through the towns or places therein enumerated.

Mr. Verplanck also presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Wayne county, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the like effect.

Mr. Van Rensselaer presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Essex, in the said State of New York, praying that the post road already established by law, from Sandy Hill, in Washington county, to Scharoon Lake, in the county of Essex aforesaid, may be extended to the town of Essex, in the said State, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and others.

The said memorial and petitions were received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of Navy officers, seamen, and marines :". Whereupon,

The first amendment, which was depending yesterday, at the time of adjournment, being again read, in the words following, to wit :

"Sec. 1. line 2. After the word "assembled," insert as follows : 'That there be fitted out, officered, manned, and employed, as soon as may be, all the frigates and other armed vessels of the United States, and gun-boats ; that the President of the United States be authorized and empowered to cause the frigates and armed vessels, so soon as they can be prepared for actual service, respectively, to be stationed at such ports and places on the sea coast, as he may deem most expedient ; or to cruise on any part of the coast of the United States, or territories thereof.'"

A motion was made by Mr. John Montgomery to amend the same, by striking out from the word "that," next following the word "assembled," in the first line of the said first amendment, to the end thereof, and by inserting, in lieu thereof, the following words : "The President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to put in actual service, so many of the frigates and other armed vessels of the United States as in his judgment the public service may require :"

And on the question that the House do agree to the proposed amendment to the said first amendment of the Senate,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Tallmadge, and seconded, to amend the said first amendment, by striking out the words "and gun-boats," in the fourth line thereof :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 28,
 { Nays 93.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Clittenden,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Charles Goldsborough,
William Helms,
Richard Jackson,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,

Jonathan O. Mosely,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,

John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,

Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Samuel Riker,
 John Russell,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,

Peter Swart,
 John Thompson,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 David Barl,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Joseph Desha,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 Meshack Franklin,
 James M. Garnett,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Heister,
 James Holland,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Richard Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Nathaniel Macon,

Robert Marion,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, junior,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 John Rowan,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

The second amendment proposed by the Senate to the said bill, being read at the Clerk's table,

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 1809.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit : "An act authorizing the proprietors of squares and lots in the city of Washington to have the same subdivided, and admitted to record ;" and "An act for the relief of Augustin Serry ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That a resolution of this House of the ninth of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, "directing the Secretary of State to lay before this House a statement of the whole number of persons born in foreign countries, and legally admitted

citizens of the United States by naturalization, who have been registered as American seamen, and returned as such to the Department of State, according to the lists transmitted by the collectors of the customs, in pursuance of the law relative to the relief and protection of American seamen," be, and the same is hereby, rescinded.

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gholson presented a petition of John Nelson, of the State of Virginia, praying that adequate compensation may be made to the petitioner for services rendered, and personal injuries sustained, whilst an officer employed in various departments of the army of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Mumford presented a memorial of Reade and Jephson, merchants of the city and State of New York, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, a remission of the duty on certain articles of merchandise imported into the port of New York, in the American ship *Bellona*, from the coast of Africa, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Lyon presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the county of Randolph, in the Indiana Territory, praying a right of pre-emption, under certain conditions, to the tracts or parcels of land in the said Territory, on which the petitioners, respectively, have made settlements and improvements.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Dawson, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider a resolution proposed by him, and ordered to lie on the table, on the thirtieth ultimo; and the same being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be directed to inquire into the expediency of removing the Collector's Office from the port of Tappahannock to that of Fredericksburg, in the State of Virginia; with leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

On motion of Mr. Goldsborough,

Ordered, That the petition of John Murray, of Dorchester county, in the State of Maryland, presented the fourth of February last, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, the bill making provision for certain unsatisfied claims against the United States.

Mr. Smilie, from the committee appointed on the seventh instant, presented, according to order, a bill to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee appointed on so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session of Congress, as relates to the military and naval establishments, presented, according to order, a bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act for the establishing and organizing a Marine Corps;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Nelson, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill providing an additional military force; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines:" Whereupon,

The second amendment to the said bill, which was depending yesterday, at the time of adjournment, being again read at the Clerk's table;

A motion was made by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded, that the said amendments of the Senate, together with the bill, be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 58,
 { Nays 59.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 David Bard,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 Joseph Desha,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Edwin Gray,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Richard Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,

Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Daniel Montgomery, jr.
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Porter,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Samuel Taggart,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
 Burwell Bassett,
 John Blake, jun.
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Davenport, jun.
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Francis Gardner,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Husley,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 John Lambert,
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Masters,

William M'Creery,
 William Milnor,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Josiah Quincy,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Ebenezer Scaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Isaac Wilbourn,
 Nathan Wilson.

An adjournment was then called for : On which
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY. JANUARY 12, 1809.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes ;'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Porter presented a petition of John Laurens, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, natives of Germany, now residing in the city of Philadelphia, praying that they may be permitted to depart from the United States in a vessel not exceeding ninety tons burthen, to the coast of Africa, the place of their original destination, at a Danish settlement called Fredericksburg, on the said coast.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

Ordered, That such parts of the petition of Francis Taylor and Judith Taylor, legal representatives of Henry Field, deceased, presented on the fourth of January, one thousand eight hundred and four, as relate to the proportion of land due for the services of the deceased, as a lieutenant in the Virginia line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That the residue of the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Barker presented a representation from sundry inhabitants of Kingston, in the county of Plymouth, and State of Massachusetts, of the same tenor and to the like effect with a representation from sundry inhabitants of the county of Middlesex, in the same State, presented to this House, by Mr. Speaker, on the tenth instant ; which was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have considered the bill sent from this House for concurrence, entitled "An act to authorize the transportation of certain documents by mail, free of postage," and have resolved that the same do not pass. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act more effectually to provide for the national defence by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States ;'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the tenth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act to revive and continue in force, for a further time, the first section of the act, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary Powers.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines." Whereupon,

The second amendment of the Senate to the said bill, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, being again read at the Clerk's table, and farther debate arising thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. John Montgomery, and seconded, that the said amendments of the Senate, together with the bill, be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 69,
 { Nays 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jr.

David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,

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William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Clopton,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Edwin Gray,
 John Heister,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Richard Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 John Lambert,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,

William M'Creery,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Ebenezer Scaver,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Taylor,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
 John Blake, jun.
 Matthew Clay,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, junior,
 John Dawson,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 William Ely,
 James Fisk,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loë Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Masters,

William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Nathan Wilson.

Resolved, That the said bill and amendments be made the order of the day for to-morrow.

An adjournment was then called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 1809.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a statement exhibiting the amount of duties and drawbacks on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into the United States, and exported therefrom, during the years one thousand eight hundred and five, one thousand eight hundred and six, and one thousand eight hundred and seven, inclusive, prepared in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the third of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the twelfth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit: "An act authorizing the proprietors of squares and lots in the city of Washington to have the same subdivided, and admitted to record;" "An act for the relief of Augustin Serry;" and "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes.'"

Mr. Mumford presented memorials of the surviving officers of the late Revolutionary army and navy of the State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively stating their claims to the interest on final settlement certificates for pay, and on commutation certificates; also, the interest upon one-third of the principal of their respective final settlement certificates and commutation certificates, from the periods or dates therein mentioned.

The said memorials were received, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, on the twenty-sixth ultimo, on the memorials of sundry late officers of the Revolutionary army.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twelfth instant, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House, to wit:

"An act authorizing the proprietors of squares and lots in the city of Washington to have the same subdivided, and admitted to record;" and

"An act for the relief of Augustin Serry."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message, in writing, was also received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I now render to Congress the account of the fund established for defraying the contingent expenses of Government, for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight. Of the twenty thousand dollars appropriated for that purpose, two thousand dollars were deposited in the hands of the Attorney General of the United States, to pay expenses incident to the prosecution of Aaron Burr and his accomplices, for treason and misdemeanors alleged to have been committed by them; nine hundred and ninety dollars were paid to the order of Governor Williams, on the same account; and the balance of seventeen thousand and ten dollars remains in the Treasury unexpended.

TH. JEFFERSON.

JANUARY 13, 1809.

The said message was read, and, together with the account transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill to incorporate the Trustees of the Presbyterian church in the town of Alexandria; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Nelson presented a memorial of sundry late officers of the Revolutionary army, residing within the State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that they may receive an allowance of half-pay for life, in consideration of the respective services rendered by the memorialists in the capacity aforesaid, in lieu of the commutation of five years full pay, which had been accepted by the officers of the said Revolutionary army, at the close of the war with Great Britain, as an equivalent for the said half-pay.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, the twenty-sixth ultimo, on the memorials of sundry late officers of the said Revolutionary army.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the committee appointed, the eleventh of November last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session of Congress, as relates to the military and naval establishments, to consider and report thereon to the House.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Poindexter, from the committee appointed on the twenty-seventh ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Alexander Baillie; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. George W. Campbell presented two petitions of sundry citizens of the Territory of Orleans, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of the same tenor, and to the like effect with petitions from sundry other citizens of the said Territory, presented on the sixth of December last; which were received, and ordered to be referred to the Attorney General of the United States, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Fisk presented a petition of Daniel Bissell, junior, of the State of Vermont, praying compensation for military services rendered, and injuries sustained in his person and property, whilst employed in various capacities, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Burwell, from the committee appointed on the twenty-third ultimo, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the President of the United States to grant permission to vessels to depart from the ports of the United States, for the purpose of importing salt; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On motion of Mr. George W. Campbell,

Ordered, That the Committee of Ways and Means to whom were referred, on the twenty-second ultimo, the petitions of sundry owners of fishing vessels in the District of Kennebunk, and of sundry inhabitants of the District of Portland and Falmouth, in the State of Massachusetts, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. George W. Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the ninth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to enforce and make more effectual an act, entitled 'An act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States,' and the several acts supplementary thereto;" also, that the President did, on the twelfth instant, approve and sign an act, which also originated in the Senate, entitled "An act supplemental to an act, entitled 'An act extending the terms of credit on revenue bonds, in certain cases, and for other purposes.'" And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines," together with the amendments proposed by the Senate thereto; and, after some time spent:

therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill and amendments under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their disagreement to the first, and their agreement to all the other of the said amendments; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

An adjournment was then called for: Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1809.

On motion of Mr. Fisk, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Norwich to Montpelier, in Vermont, and of discontinuing the new post road from Fryburg, in Maine, to Guildhall, and from Royalton to Cheshire, in Vermont.

On motion of Mr. Mumford,

Ordered, That the petition and memorial of William Edgar and Alexander Macomb, of the State of New York, presented on the eighth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Butler,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of South Carolina, presented on the fourteenth of January, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Bacon presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from Readfield, in Kennebeck county, through Fayette, to Livermore, in the county of Oxford, in the said State.

The said petition was received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The House proceeded to consider the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines," together with the amendments proposed by the Senate thereto: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Nicholas, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said bill and amendments be postponed until Monday next.

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of sick, disabled and distressed seamen; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said amendment; and the same being read, in the words following, to wit:

Sec 1. Line 3. Fill up the blank between the words "sum of," and the word "dollars," with the words "two hundred thousand:"

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the same,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 69,
 { Nays 37.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Basset,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
John Boyle,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,

John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, junior,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
David Holmes,



Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Josiah Quincy,
Jacob Richards,

Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shew,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Joseph Story,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Alen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
David Bard,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas Gholson, junior,
Charles Goldsborough,
John Heister,
William Hoge,

James Holland,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Daniel Montgomery, junior,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newbold,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Rowan,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table; and, together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Treasurer of the United States, accompanied with his accounts of the receipts and expenditures of public moneys, from the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and seven, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and eight, inclusive; also, his accounts of receipts and payments for the War and Navy Departments, during the same period; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 1809.

Mr. Holmes presented a memorial of Thomas Urquhart and David Urquhart, of the city of New Orleans, merchants, praying relief in the case of certain bonds given by the memorialists on the exportation of a quantity of indigo of foreign growth, from the port of Orleans to Liverpool, in England, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and six; the landing of which indigo at the port of destination hath been proved by sundry certificates and depositions thereunto annexed, although not in the form prescribed by the revenue laws of the United States.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Boyd presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the towns or villages of Hamburg, Stockholm, Pompton, Patterson, and Acquackanock, and their vicinity, respectively, in the State of New Jersey, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that post offices may be fixed at the several towns or villages aforesaid, on the turnpike road leading from Hamburg to the city of Jersey, in the said State, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and others.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Barker,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Bridgewater, in the State of Massachusetts, presented the twenty-ninth of March last, be referred to the select committee last mentioned.

The Speaker presented to the House a representation of sundry inhabitants of Dunstable, in the county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, relative to the manner adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the said State, for the appointment of Electors for the choice of President and Vice President of the United States, for the term commencing the fourth of March next.

Mr. Seaver presented a representation of sundry inhabitants of Canton, and seven other towns, in the county of Norfolk, and State aforesaid, of the same tenor, and to the like effect.

The said representations were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill for the relief of sick, disabled, and distressed seamen, was read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 66,
Nays 30.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
John Boyle,
George W. Campbell,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
John Harris,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
John Lambert,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creeery
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,

Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Jacob Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Joseph Story,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Isaac Wilbour,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
David Bard,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, junior,
Edwin Gray,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
Thomas Kenan,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,

Nathaniel Macon,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
John Rowan,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for the relief of sick, disabled, and distressed seamen."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Barker presented representations from sundry inhabitants of the town of Kingston, and other towns therein named, in the county of Plymouth, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of the same tenor, and to the like effect, with a representation of sundry inhabitants of Dunsable, in the county of Middlesex, and State aforesaid, presented this day, by Mr. Speaker, to the House; which were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Love presented a petition of W. Jackson, surveyor of the customs for the port of Nanjemoy, in the State of Maryland, stating the insufficiency of the fees and other emoluments allowed him by law, in the capacity aforesaid; and praying that the same may be increased, and rendered more adequate to his services.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Blount, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Washington, in North Carolina, by way of Bath, Clark's Ferry, on Pungo river, and Germantown, to the lake landing Mattamaskeet; and discontinuing the post road from Washington to Woodstock.

On motion of Mr. Lloyd, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a cross post from Centerville, in Queen Ann's county, to Queenstown, in the said county.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for dividing the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Willis Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. Van Horn presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants and proprietors of lots or parcels of land, in Georgetown and its vicinity, in the Territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating certain objections to the provisions contained in a bill now depending before the House, supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to amend the charter of Georgetown;" and praying that the said bill may be revised and amended in such manner, previous to its passage into a law, as to the wisdom of Congress shall appear best calculated to promote the convenience and benefit of the memorialists, and others.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the fifth instant, the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to amend the charter of Georgetown."

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of

the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Edward Beamont; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House resumed the consideration of the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines." Whereupon,

The first amendment, to which the Committee of the Whole House reported their disagreement on the thirteenth instant, being again read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit:

"Sec. 1, line 2. After the word 'assembled,' insert, 'That there be fitted out, officered, manned, and employed, as soon as may be, all the frigates and other armed vessels of the United States, and gun-boats: That the President of the United States be authorized and empowered to cause the frigates and armed vessels, so soon as they can be prepared for actual service, respectively, to be stationed at such ports and places on the seacoast, as he may deem most expedient; or to cruise on any part of the coast of the United States, or territories thereof, and:'"

And after debate thereon,

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their disagreement to the said first amendment,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 68,
 { Nays 55.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, jr.
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell.
Martin Chittenden,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Edward Lloyd,
Nathaniel Macon,

Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
Jabez Upham,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
John Blake, jr.

Matthew Clay,
Richard Cutts,

Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Charles Goldsborough,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,

John Montgomery,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jr.
Josiah Quincy,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Jedediah K. Smith,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Joseph Story,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

The question was then taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the second amendment,
And resolved in the affirmative.

The third amendment, to which the Committee of the Whole House also reported their agreement, was again read, in the words following, to wit :

"Sec. 1, line 5. Strike out, '*two thousand seamen*,' and insert, '*four thousand four hundred and forty-seven able seamen, ordinary seamen, and boys.*'"

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the same,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 41,
 { Nays 73.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
John Clopton,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Fisk,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Charles Goldsborough,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
David Holmes,
Daniel Ilsley,
John G. Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
Matthew Lyon,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,

Jonathan O. Mosely,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Scaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Joseph Story,
Peter Swart,
James I. Van Alen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Isaac Wilbour.

Those who voted in the negative, are.

Evan Alexander,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Heister,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.

Edward Lloyd,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 Daniel Montgomery, jr.
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

The fourth and fifth amendments of the Senate to the said bill, were then again read, and, upon the question severally put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

The title, as amended by the Senate, was then read, in the words following, to wit :
 "An act for manning, arming, and equipping, for immediate service, all the public ships of war, vessels, and gun-boats, of the United States."

And on the question that the title be so amended,
 It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Bassett, and seconded, that the House do reconsider their vote of concurrence with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the second of the said amendments :

And on the question for reconsideration,
 It was resolved in the affirmative.

The question was then taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said amendment,
 And passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 1809.

An engrossed bill for the relief Edward Beamont was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Edward Beamont.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Deane,

Ordered, That the petition of Edmund Briggs, of the county of Bristol, in the State of Massachusetts, presented the seventh of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, and a report of the Secretary of the Treasury thereon, made the twenty-first of April, in the same year, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

Mr. Green presented a representation from sundry inhabitants of Barnstable, in the county of Barnstable, and State of Massachusetts, of the same tenor, and to the like effect, with a representation presented yesterday by Mr. Speaker, from sundry inhabitants of Duxbury, and county of Middlesex, in the said State.

Mr. Seaver also presented two representations of a similar nature and tendency, from sundry inhabitants of Franklin, in the county of Norfolk, and State aforesaid.

The said representations were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate insist on their amendments disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled " An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of Navy officers, seamen, and marines," and desire a conference with this House on the subject-matter of the said amendments ; to which conference the Senate have appointed managers on their part. And then he withdrew.

The message, in writing, this day received from the President of the United States, was read, and is as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

I communicate to Congress certain letters which passed between the British Secretary of State, Mr. Canning, and Mr. Pinkney, our Minister Plenipotentiary at London. When the documents concerning the relations between the United States and Great Britain, were laid before Congress, at the commencement of the session, the answer of Mr. Pinkney to the letter of Mr. Canning had not been received, and a communication of the latter alone would have accorded neither with propriety, nor with the wishes of Mr. Pinkney. When that answer afterwards arrived, it was considered that as what had passed by conversation, had been superseded by the written and formal correspondence on the subject, the variance in the two statements of what had verbally passed was not of sufficient importance to be made the matter of a distinct and special communication. The letter of Mr. Canning, however, having lately appeared in print, unaccompanied by that of Mr. Pinkney in reply, and having a tendency to make impressions not warranted by the statements of Mr. Pinkney, it has become proper that the whole should be brought into public view.

TH. JEFFERSON.

JANUARY 17, 1809.

The papers accompanying the foregoing message, were also read throughout : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Burwell, and seconded, that five thousand copies of the said message and documents be printed for the use of the members of this House :

And the same being under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Troup, and seconded, to amend the said proposed order, by striking out the word " five," next before the word " thousand," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the word " ten:"

And on the question that the House do agree to the said amendment,

It passed in the negative.

On the question that the House do agree to the said order, as originally proposed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

An engrossed bill for dividing the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments was read the third time : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, that the said bill do lie on the table :

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1809.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of William Rice, Captain in a German regiment in the service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, pray-

ing relief in consideration of a wound received at the battle of Germantown, on the fourth of October, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven, whilst a Lieutenant in the said regiment, which hath rendered him incapable of obtaining a livelihood by labor.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Kelly, from the committee appointed on the twenty-first of December last, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Jacob Barnitz ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Blount, from the committee appointed on so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the session, as relates to the erection of fortifications for the security of our sea port towns and harbors, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations to complete the fortifications commenced for the security of the sea port towns and harbors of the United States ; and to defray the expense of deepening and extending to the river Mississippi the canal of Carondelet ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to whom was referred, on the fifteenth ultimo, a petition of sundry inhabitants of the counties of Alexandria and Washington, in the said District, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the making of a turnpike road from Mason's causeway to Alexandria ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Marion, from the committee to whom was recommitted, on the nineteenth of December last, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act further to amend the Judicial System of the United States," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under their farther consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same, with an amendment ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and, together with the said bill, ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Saturday next.

The House proceeded to take into farther consideration an engrossed bill for dividing the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, that the said bill do lie on the table until to-morrow :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The question was then stated from the Chair that the same do pass ?

And after debate thereon,

The said question was taken,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 69,
 { Nays 37.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
John Blake, jun.
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,

John Culpeper,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,

David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Richard Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,

Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
David Bard,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
William A. Burwell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
John G. Jackson,

Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
John Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Clement Storer,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for dividing the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the message received yesterday from the Senate, by their Secretary, insisting on their amendments disagreed to by this House to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines;" and desiring a conference with this House on the subject-matter of the said amendments: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Newton, and seconded, that this House doth insist on their disagreement to all the amendments insisted on by the Senate to the said bill:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 67,
 { Nays 53.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,

Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,

William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Clopton,
 John Culpeper,
 Joseph Desha,
 John W. Eppes,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Heister,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Thomas Kenan,
 John Lambert,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,

Daniel Montgomery, jr.
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Samuel Taggart,
 John Taylor,
 Jabez Upham, 1
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
 Burwell Bassett,
 Matthew Clay,
 Orchard Cook,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, junior,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 William Findley,
 Francis Gardner,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 David Holmes,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard Jackson,
 Walter Jones,
 Philip B. Key,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,

William Milnor,
 John Montgomery,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Joseph Story,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Nathan Wilson.

On motion of Mr. Newton, and seconded,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the conference desired by the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the said

bill ; and that Mr. Macon, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Upham, be appointed managers at the same, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Ordered, That Mr. Story have leave to be absent from the service of this House for the remainder of the session.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 1809.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report and sundry documents in relation to invalid pensioners of the United States, transmitted in pursuance of the third and fifth sections of "An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war;" which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom were referred, during the present session, the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, praying a remission of the forfeitures accruing on the instalments due on the purchase money for lands purchased of the United States, and the allowance of farther time for the payment of the principal, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-third of November last, a report of the Committee on the Public Lands on a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the same committee, presented, according to order, a bill to alter the terms of sale of the public lands of the United States, and for other purposes ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House last mentioned.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims have leave to sit to-morrow, during the sitting of the House.

Mr. Lewis presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of the county of Washington, in the Territory of Columbia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein specified, a repeal of the fourth section of a law of Congress, entitled "An act concerning the District of Columbia."

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Marion, from the committee who were instructed, by a resolution of the House, of the twentieth of December last, "to inquire into the expediency of extending jurisdiction to the superior courts of the several territories of the United States, in which a district court has not been established for the trial of treason, and other offences committed against the laws of the United States, within the limits of the said territories ; and to empower said courts to pronounce such judgment or sentence on conviction of the offender or offenders, as the law directs ;" presented, according to order, a bill extending jurisdiction, in certain cases, to the territorial courts, and for other purposes ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. John G. Jackson presented a memorial of Gabriel Richard, pastor of the Catholic society in the Territory of Michigan, in behalf of himself and the members composing the said society, praying that a certain tract or parcel of land belonging to the United States, in the vicinity of Detroit, may be exclusively and permanently appropriated to the education of white children in that Territory, and of Indian children within the same, or its vicinity : also, that such proportion of land may be granted and confirmed to the head of each family, and each youth of the Wyandot tribe of Indians, under certain conditions therein specified, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

Mr. John G. Jackson also presented a petition of John Collins, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, followers of, and employed by Captains Lewis and

Clark, in their expedition through the interior parts of North America, to the Pa-nay Ocean, praying that such measures may be adopted, as Congress in their wisdom judge proper, to enable the petitioners to receive the benefit of a grant of lands by ^{ch.} on the West side of the river Mississippi, made by an act passed on the third of March one thousand eight hundred and seven.

The said memorial and petition were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Seaver presented representations from sundry inhabitants of Foxborough and Wrentham, in the county of Norfolk, and State of Massachusetts, in relation to the manner of choosing Electors of President and Vice President of the United States, adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of that State.

The Speaker also presented a representation from sundry inhabitants of Roxborough, in the county of Middlesex, and State aforesaid, of the same tenor, and to the like effect.

The said representations were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Bacon presented a memorial of the Marine Society of Marblehead, in the State of Massachusetts, signed, by order and in behalf of the said Marine Society, by W. Story, and others, a committee appointed for the purpose, praying that beacons or piers may be erected on the ledges of rocks, called "Half-way Rock," and "The Brimbles," situated near Marblehead fort, and the light house on Baker's island, for the convenience and benefit of vessels bound to, and departing from, the said port of Marblehead.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Clopton presented a petition of John Hardyman, of the county of Charles City, in the State of Virginia, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of military services rendered, and personal injuries sustained, whilst a private in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, and in the army of the United States commanded by Major General St. Clair, in which the petitioner remained until some time in the year one thousand eight hundred.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act for the relief of certain Alabama Indians;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to consider the bill to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress, to which the Committee of the Whole House to whom it had been referred, reported no amendment : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded, to amend the same at the Clerk's table, by striking out the words "*fourth Monday of May:*"

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20, 1809.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General of the United States, enclosing a report respecting the salaries of the clerks employed in that Department, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Thomas Moore, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Lancaster Court House in South Carolina, to Rocky Mount, and from Rocky Mount to York Court House.

On motion of Mr. Bacon,

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the District of Maine, in the State of Massachusetts, presented to this House on the ninth and twenty-third of December, one thousand eight hundred and six, be severally referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Lemuel J. Alston, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Greenville Court House in South Carolina, by Holland's Ford on Saluda river, by James Crayton's, Abbeville Court House and Vienna, to Petersburg in Georgia, and to return by Abbeville Court House, Reuben Nash's and from thence by Holland's Ford to Greenville; also, that the said committee be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Pendleton Court House, in South Carolina, to Carnesville, in Georgia.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress: Whereupon,

A motion made yesterday by Mr. David R. Williams, to amend the bill at the Clerk's table, by striking out the words "*fourth Monday of May*," which was depending at the time of adjournment, was renewed:

And after debate thereon,

The question was taken that the House do agree to the proposed amendment for striking out the words as herein before recited,

And passed in the negative.

No other amendment being offered to the bill, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed for a third reading.

The bill being brought in engrossed,

A motion was made, and seconded, that the same be read the third time to-morrow:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the bill be *now* read the third time:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker stated the question from the chair, that the same do pass?

And, after debate thereon, the said question being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 80,
 { Nays 26.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, jun.
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desna,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Helms,

David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,

Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,

Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
James I. Van Alen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Davenport, jun.
Meshack Franklin,
Edwin Gray,
Richard Jackson,
James Kelly,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Quincy,

John Randolph,
John Rowan,
James Sloan,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Jesse Wharton,
David R. Williams.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

On motion of Mr. Van Cortlandt,

Ordered, That when the House adjourns, it will adjourn to meet on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 23, 1809.

Mr. Macon, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend a conference with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines," reported that they had, according to order, met the managers on the part of the Senate, and conferred freely on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses; but come to no agreement thereupon.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill respecting executions for small debts in the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of Isaac Briggs; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Fisk, from the committee appointed the fifteenth of November last, presented, according to order, a bill for altering the times and places for holding the Circuit Court of the United States within the District of Vermont; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The Speaker presented to the House a petition, in the French language, from sun-

dry inhabitants of Soussignes, in the Territory of Michigan, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that such measures may be adopted, as Congress in their wisdom may deem proper, for causing a number of copies of the laws of the United States, particularly such of the said laws as relate to the Michigan Territory, to be printed in the French language, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners, and other inhabitants of that Territory.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Wharton, Mr. Mumford, and Mr. Key; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of Joseph Wilkinson, of the Territory of Michigan, late collector of the customs for the district of Detroit, in the said Territory, praying for the reasons therein set forth, that he may be exonerated from the payment of a considerable sum of money due to the United States from the petitioner, in his capacity aforesaid; also, that he may be liberated from the confinement to which he is now subjected in consequence of the debt for which he is held responsible.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Nelson, Mr. Goodwyn, and Mr. Kelly; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Durell presented a petition of Lyman Spalding, of the State of New Hampshire, praying the liquidation and settlement of the claim of the petitioner for attendance on, and medicine furnished to a certain Benjamin Bagley, confined in the gaol of Portsmouth for trial in the Circuit Court of the United States, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and five.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of Benjamin Bailey and James Bogert, junior, of the city and State of New York, merchants, trading under the firm of Bailey and Bogert, praying relief in the case of the duties accruing on a quantity of brandy and wine imported by the petitioners from a foreign port, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred seven, and intended by them for exportation without the limits of the United States, but prevented, as the petitioners suggest, by the operation of the "Act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States."

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker presented to the House representations from sundry inhabitants of Barnardston, Greenfield, Springfield, and Gill, in the county of Hampshire, and of Machias, in the county of Washington, and State of Massachusetts, stating certain objections to the manner of appointing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, lately adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the State aforesaid.

Mr. Seaver presented representations from sundry inhabitants of Dedham, in the county of Norfolk, and State of Massachusetts aforesaid, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of the same tenor, and to the like effect.

The said representations were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill concerning claims to lands in the Mississippi Territory, granted by the British Government of West Florida; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Thursday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill providing an additional military force; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

No other amendment being offered thereto, Mr. Speaker stated the question from the Chair, that the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed for a third reading:

And the said question being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 72,
 { Nays 42.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jr.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 John Blake, jun.
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 John Clopton,
 Orchard Cook,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,

Thomas Kenan,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Robert Marion,
 William M'Creery,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rhea, of Tennessee,
 Jacob Richards,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Peter Swart,
 John Taylor,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are.

Joseph Barker,
 William Blackledge,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 James M. Garnett,
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Hoge,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 William Milnor,

Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 Samuel Kiker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 James Sloan,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Jabez Upham,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitekill,
 David R. Williams.

A motion was made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, that the said bill be read the third time on Wednesday, the twenty-second of February next:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 16,
Nays 65.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Barent Gardenier,
William Hoge,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Matthew Lyon,
William Milnor,

Jonathan O. Mosely,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,

Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creeery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newhold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
James I. Van Alen,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson.

A motion was made by Mr. Tallmadge, and seconded, that the said bill be read the third time on Monday next:

And the question being put thereupon,
It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded, that the said bill be read the third time on Wednesday next:

And the question being taken thereupon,
It was resolved in the affirmative.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 24, 1809.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanied with a report of the Commissioners of the Navy Pension Fund, and sun-

dry statements marked A, B, C, D, and E, prepared in pursuance of the "Act for the better government of the navy of the United States;" which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Gholson presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a post road may be established from the post office at Percival's, to pass by the way of the post office at Westward Mill, to Halifax, in North Carolina.

The said petition was received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Porter presented a petition of Abraham Piesch, of the City of Philadelphia, merchant, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that he may be allowed the drawback of duty on a quantity of claret, imported in the ship Favorite, from Bordeaux, in France, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and four, and since intended for exportation without the limits of the United States; but prevented, as the petitioner suggests, by the operation of the "Act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States."

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the thirtieth of November last, the memorial of Charles Minifie, of the City of Washington, presented on the third of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, made a report thereon; which was read: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas Moore, and seconded, that the report be referred to a Committee of the Whole House:

And the question being put thereupon,
It passed in the negative.

The House proceeded to consider the said report at the Clerk's table; and the resolution contained therein being again read in the words following, to wit:

"Resolved, That the prayer of the memorial of Charles Minifie, ought not to be granted."

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of Claims, in their agreement to the said resolution,

And resolved in the affirmative.

So the said memorial was rejected.

The Speaker presented to the House a representation from sundry inhabitants of Haverhill, in the county of Essex, and State of Massachusetts, in relation to the manner of appointing electors for President and Vice President of the United States, lately adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of that State.

Mr. Hsley presented representations from sundry inhabitants of Paris, in the county of Oxford, and of New Gloucester, in the county of Cumberland, and State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of the same tenor, and to the like effect.

Mr. Green presented a similar representation from sundry inhabitants of Nantucket, in the county of Nantucket, and State of Massachusetts aforesaid.

The said representations were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Speaker presented a petition of the President and Managers of the Susquehanna and Tioga Turnpike Road Company, praying that the Secretary of the Treasury, for and on behalf of the United States, may be authorized to subscribe for such a number of shares of the stock of the said company, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, the eleventh of November last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States at the commencement of the present session, as relates to the disposition of the surplusses of our revenue in the improvement of roads, canals, rivers, and education; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations to complete the fortifications commenced for the security of the sea port towns and harbors of the United States, and to defray the expense of deepening and extending to the river Mississippi the canal of Carondelet; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same being twice read, the first, second, third, and fourth

of the said amendment, were, on the question severally put thereupon agreed to by the House.

The fifth amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to insert after the word "gun-boats," in the sixth line of the second section of the bill, the words following, to wit: "if, upon a survey thereof, he shall be convinced that the same is practicable, and will conduce to the more effectual defence of the said city," being read, and under consideration,

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, farther to amend the bill, by striking out the second section thereof, as reported by the Committee of the Whole House, in the words following, to wit:

"Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized to, cause the canal of Carondelet, leading from Lake Ponchartrain, by way of the Bayou St. John, to the city of New Orleans, to be extended to the Mississippi, and made sufficiently deep throughout to admit an easy and safe passage to gun-boats, if, upon a survey thereof, he shall be convinced that the same is practicable, and will conduce to the more effectual defence of the said city; and that, for the purpose of defraying the expense thereof, there be, and hereby is, appropriated, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated."

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The question then recurring on the fifth and last amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill, as herein before recited; and the same being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Ordered, That Mr. Lyon have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Monday next, for the remainder of the session.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward Beamont," without amendment: the Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act establishing Circuit Courts and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio:' also, a bill, entitled "An act making appropriations to complete the fortifications commenced for the security of the seaport towns and harbors of the United States, and to defray the expense of deepening and extending to the river Mississippi the canal of Carondelet;" to which bills, respectively, they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate adhere to their amendments to the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines," to their disagreement to which this House hath insisted. And then he withdrew.

On a motion made by Mr. Nicholas, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, as the opinion of this House, That the United States ought not to delay beyond the ——— day of ——— to repeal the embargo laws; to resume, maintain, and defend, the navigation of the high seas against any nation or nations having in force edicts, orders, or decrees, violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States:

Ordered, That the said proposed resolution be referred to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25, 1809.

On motion of Mr. Clopton, that a petition of sundry British merchants, and others, subjects of his Britannic Majesty, presented on the twenty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, and praying "that the power and authority granted by law to the Federal Circuit Courts, may be extended to the trial and determination of 'all causes arising under treaties,' or to causes where an alien is a party, in which the matter in dispute, exclusive of costs, is under the sum of five hundred dollars; or that such other tribunal may be established for the trial and determination of the said causes as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet," be referred to the consideration of a select committee:

The question was put thereupon,
And passed in the negative.

On motion,

Ordered, That the said petition do lie on the table.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a petition of the Chiefs and Head Men of the Chipewa, Ottawa, Wyandot, and Pottawatamie nations of Indians, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the title to a certain tract or parcel of land containing three miles square, reserved for the use of the said tribes of Indians, by the treaty concluded at Detroit, on the seventeenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, may be granted in fee simple by the Government of the United States, to Doctor William Brown, of the Michigan Territory, in consideration of medical services rendered to the said Chiefs and their families.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Van Dyke presented a petition of Joshua Clifton, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners of the United States, in consideration of military services rendered, and personal injuries sustained, whilst a soldier in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; or that such other relief may be afforded in the premises as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Burwell presented a memorial of the President, Managers, and Company, of the Philadelphia, Brandywine, and New London Turnpike Road, praying the aid and patronage of Congress, to enable the said Company to open and complete a road from the city of Philadelphia, by Chad's Ford, on Brandywine, and New London Cross-Roads, to the line of the State of Pennsylvania, in a direction towards the city of Baltimore.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, the eleventh of November last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session, as relates to the disposition of the surplusses of our revenue in the improvement of roads, canals, rivers, and education.

On motion of Mr. Smilie,

Ordered, That Charles Minifie, of the city of Washington, who presented a memorial to this House, on the third of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, have leave to withdraw the said memorial, together with the documents which accompanied the same.

On a motion made by Mr. Quincy, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the President of the United States be requested to lay before this House all correspondences touching the offers to resign and the resignation made of his office, by Benjamin Lincoln, late collector of the port of Boston and Charlestown.

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the causes which prevented the acceptance of the resignation of Benjamin Lincoln, esquire, late collector of the port of Boston and Charlestown, in the years one thousand eight hundred and six, and one thousand eight hundred and seven, and into the reasons which have occasioned a postponement of the appointment of a successor; and that they report the result of such inquiry to the House.

The question was taken that the House do *now* proceed to take the said proposed resolutions into consideration,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 93,
 { Nays 24.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,

John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,

Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Thomas Gholson, jr.
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Hoge,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,

Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Porter,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 David R. Williams,
 Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 Adam Boyd,
 William Butler,
 Meshack Franklin,
 William Helms,
 John G. Jackson,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Thomas Kenan,

William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Roger Nelson,
 John Pugh,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Samuel Shaw,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

The said proposed resolutions were again read at the Clerk's table ;

And after debate thereon,

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same,

And passed in the negative, { Yea 1,
 { Nays 117.

The yeas and nays, as demanded by one-fifth of the members present, are as follow :

YEA.

Josiah Quincy.

NAYS.

Evan Alexander,
 Lemuel J. Alston,

Willis Alston, jun.
 Ezekiel Bacon,

David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Charles Goldsborough,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
John G. Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,

Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

And so the said proposed resolutions were rejected.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying certain papers exhibiting the instructions which have been transmitted by him to the Collectors of the Revenue and other officers of the United States, in relation to the act laying an embargo upon all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto: also, the names and

places of residence of certain persons who have been detected in violating the embargo laws, prepared in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the fourteenth of November last.

The said letter was read, and, together with the papers transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 1809.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions :

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a Land Office for the sale of the lands of the United States East of the Red River, and West of the Mississippi, in the Territory of Orleans ; and that they have leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting the right of pre-emption, in certain cases, to actual settlers in the Territory of Orleans ; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

And the said proposed resolutions being read,

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the same do lie on the table :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Randolph, and seconded,

Ordered, That the committee appointed, the eleventh of November last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States as relates to the disposition of the surplusses of our revenue in the improvement of roads, canals, rivers, and education, be discharged from the consideration of the petition and memorial of the President and Managers of the Susquehannah and Tioga Turnpike Road Company, and of the President, Managers, and Company, of the Philadelphia, Brandywine, and New London Turnpike Road, presented to this House on the twenty-fourth and twenty-fifth instant, be discharged from the consideration thereof ; and that the said petition and memorial be referred to Mr. Say, Mr. Marion, Mr. Dana, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Jedediah K. Smith ; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, presented, according to order, a bill respecting the Circuit and District Courts of the District of Columbia ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Harris presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Dryden, in the county of Cayuga, in the State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that a post office may be established at the town of Dryden aforesaid, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners and others.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Marion, from the committee to whom was referred, on the fourteenth of November last, a petition of the company for opening the navigation of the Catawba and Wateree rivers, signed by J. F. Grimke, their President, made a report thereon ; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to reconsider the bill, entitled " An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines," together with the amendments adhered to by the Senate to the said bill : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, that the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. George W. Campbell, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and nine ; which was received, and read the first time,

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for arming, manning, and fitting out, for immediate service, all the public ships of war, vessels, and gun-boats, of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto, which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill and amendments at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

The first amendment to the said bill being read, and under consideration,

A division of the question on the same was called for by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded : Whereupon,

The first member of the said amendment for striking out, in the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth lines of the first section of the original bill, the following words : "That all the frigates and other armed vessels of the United States, and gun-boats, be fitted out, officered, manned, and employed, as soon as may be ; and that the President of the United States be authorized and empowered to cause the frigates and armed vessels, so soon as they can be prepared for actual service, respectively, to be stationed at such ports and places on the sea coast, as he may deem most expedient, or to cruise on any part of the coast of the United States, or territories thereof :"

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said first member of the amendment,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The residue of the said first amendment, to insert in lieu of the words stricken out, as herein before recited, the following words, to wit : "That, in addition to the frigates now employed in actual service, there be fitted out, officered, and manned, as soon as may be, the four following frigates, to wit : the *United States*, *Essex*, *John Adams*, and *President* ; and, moreover, the President of the United States is hereby authorized and empowered to equip, man, and employ, in actual service, so many of the other public armed vessels now laid up in ordinary, and gun-boats, as, in his judgment, the public service may require, and to cause the frigates and other armed vessels, when prepared for actual service, respectively, to be stationed at such ports and places on the sea coast as he may deem most expedient, or to cruise on any part of the coast of the United States, or territories thereof," being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The second and third amendments being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The said bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded, further to amend the same, by adding to the end thereof a proviso in the words following, to wit : Provided, that this act shall not be construed to require the President of the United States to cause to be equipped, manned, and employed, any greater number of the vessels of the United States, than, in his judgment, the public interests may require :"

And on the question that the House do agree to the said proposed amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 39,
Nays 78.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, junior,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,

John Culpeper,
Joseph Desha,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
John Heister,
Thomas Kenan,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
John Porter,

John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Samuel Shaw,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,

Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
John Blake, junior,
John Campbell,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, junior,
Charles Goldsborough,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,

Edward St. Loe Livermore,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
William M'Cree, Jr.,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, junior,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Isaac Wilbour,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

No other amendment being offered thereto, it was

Ordered, That the amendments agreed to be engrossed, and, together with the bill, be read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled " An act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress." And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 1809.

Mr. Kenan presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the town of Smithville, in the county of Brunswick, in the State of North Carolina, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the town of Smithville aforesaid, may be established as a port of entry, for the convenience and benefit of the petitioners, and other inhabitants of the State of North Carolina.

Mr. Kenan also presented a memorial of the citizens of the town of Wilmington, in the State of North Carolina, in opposition to the prayer of the foregoing petition.

The said petition and memorial were received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Say presented a memorial of William Hall, surviving partner of Hall and Sellers, of the city of Philadelphia, Printers, and Robert B. Sellers, administrator on the estate of William Sellers, deceased, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for printing work done and furnished for the use of the United States under the former Constitution of Government, the payment of which has been delayed for the reasons therein specified.

Mr. Say also presented a memorial of John Keehmle, of the State of Pennsylvania, stating his claim to a balance of pay for medical services rendered to the Continental army during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Mr. Say also presented a memorial of sundry late officers in the Pennsylvania line of the Revolutionary army, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in behalf of themselves, and others, stating, that they have been compelled, owing to certain circumstances therein set forth, to dispose of the certificates of pay and commutation issued in consideration of military services rendered during the said war, for much less than their nominal amount; and praying such relief in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

Mr. John Morrow presented a petition of James Larkins, of Hampshire county, in the State of Virginia, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for making two hundred and thirty-nine coats for the use of Colonel Moylan's regiment of light dragoons, some time in the years one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

The said memorials were received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, the bill making provision for the discharge of certain unsatisfied claims against the United States.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of William Hardy, formerly of the city of Philadelphia, now residing in the city and State of New York, praying relief in consideration of military services rendered, and personal injuries sustained, whilst Captain and Paymaster in Colonel Nash's regiment of light dragoons, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was received, and ordered to be referred to the committee to whom was recommitteed, on the tenth instant, a bill for the relief of the infirm, disabled, and superannuated officers and soldiers of the late and of the present army of the United States.

Mr. Nelson presented a petition of George Collins, an Indian of the Delaware tribe, praying that he may be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of services rendered, and personal injuries sustained, whilst a private in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Mr. Randolph presented a petition of Tarlton Woodson, of the State of Virginia, praying that he may be allowed half-pay for life, in lieu of the commutation of five years full pay, granted to him for services rendered to the United States as a Captain in the Virginia line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Findley presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Westmoreland county, in the State of Pennsylvania, stating certain inconveniences and hardships to which the petitioners and others have been, and are now subjected, in consequence of the operations of the several laws laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and praying that the same may be repealed whenever, in the judgment of Congress, it may be expedient to adopt that measure.

The said petition was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That provision ought to be made, by law, from and after the ——— day of ——— next, for authorizing the commanders and crews of merchant vessels of the United States, owned wholly by a citizen or citizens thereof, to oppose and defend against any search, restraint, or seizure, which shall be attempted upon such vessel, or upon any other vessel owned as aforesaid, by the commander or crew of any armed vessel sailing under French or British colors, or acting, or pretending to act, by or under the authority of the French or British Governments, and to repel by force any assault

or hostility which shall be made or committed on the part of such French or British vessel pursuing such attempt, and to subdue and capture the same, and to retake any vessel owned as aforesaid, which may have been captured by any vessel sailing under French or British colors, or acting, or pretending to act, by or under authority from the French or British Government :

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-fourth instant, a resolution proposed by Mr. Nicholas, relative to a repeal of the embargo laws, and the resuming, maintaining, and defending the navigation of the high seas, against any nation or nations having in force edicts, orders, or decrees, violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States.

On motion of Mr. Key, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency and propriety of establishing a post road from the city of Washington to Rockville and Unity, in Montgomery county, to New Market, Liberty town, Cloud's Store, Pipe Creek, Quaker Meeting House, and Taneytown ; and thence, back again by the same route, to Washington.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing the copy of a letter to him from the Register of the Treasury, correcting an error to the amount of fifty-four thousand eight hundred and twenty dollars and eighteen cents, in the statement of receipts into the Treasury of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, transmitted in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the twentieth of December last ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Seaver presented representations from sundry inhabitants of the towns of Roxbury and Brookline, in the county of Norfolk, and State of Massachusetts, in relation to the manner of appointing electors for President and Vice President of the United States, lately adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of that State.

The said representations were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill making appropriations to complete the fortifications commenced for the security of the sea-port towns and harbors of the United States, and to defray the expense of deepening and extending to the river Mississippi the canal of Carondelet, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations to complete the fortifications commenced for the security of the sea-port towns and harbors of the United States, and to defray the expense of deepening and extending to the river Mississippi the canal of Carondelet."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for arming, manning, and fitting out, for immediate service, all the public ships of war, vessels, and gun-boats, of the United States," together with the amendments agreed to yesterday, was read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 102,
Nays 23.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,

Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,

Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Charles Goldsborough,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 William Helms,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson.
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Edw. St. Loc Livermore,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creech,
 William Milnor,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,

Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative are,

Adam Boyd,
 Robert Brown,
 Epaphroditus Champion.
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 James M. Garnett,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Heikar,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Daniel Montgomery, jr.

Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*.
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 David R. Williams.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act authorizing the employment of an additional naval force."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence in the amendments thereto.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the amendments of this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for arming, manning, and fitting out, for immediate service, all the public ships of war, vessels, and gun-boats, of the United States." And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill providing an additional military force, was read the third time : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Tallmadge, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed *indefinitely*.

And debate arising thereon,

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An adjournment was called for ; On which
The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY. JANUARY 28. 1809.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a report and statement prepared in obedience to the provisions of "An act to regulate and fix the compensation of clerks, and to authorize the laying out certain public roads, and for other purposes;" which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Blackledge,

Ordered, That the petition of Robert Elwell, of the District of Maine, presented to this House on the nineteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight, and a report of the Secretary of the Navy thereon, made the fifth of April, in the same year, be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Holmes presented a petition of Eunice Hunt, widow of Thomas Hunt, deceased, late colonel commandant of the first regiment in the army of the United States, praying relief for herself and a numerous family, in consideration of military services rendered by the deceased, in his life-time, and of the present distressed situation of the petitioner.

Mr. Scaver presented representations from sundry inhabitants of Needham and Dorchester, in the county of Norfolk, and State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in relation to the appointment of Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, lately adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of that State.

Mr. Cutts presented a similar representation from sundry inhabitants of Kittery, in the county of York, and State of Massachusetts aforesaid.

The said petition and representations were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of Richard Davidson, of the Mississippi Territory, praying the liquidation and settlement of a claim for medicine furnished to, and attendance on the officers and crew of gun-boat number eleven, in the service of the United States, and stationed near Fort Adams, in the said Territory, some time in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Say presented a memorial of Edward Mott and Company, of the city of Philadelphia, merchants, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the duties imposed by law on the importation of white and red lead, litharge, ochres, and all colors in their natural or calcined state, or any other colors or materials for painters, paper stainers, or other uses, may be equalized or modified in such manner as to promote researches for obtaining and preparing the said articles within the United States.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of certain Alabama Indians," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee on the Public Lands, to consider and report thereon to the House.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act establishing Circuit Courts and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time : Whereupon,

A motion being made, and the question put, that the bill be *now* read the third time. It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said bill was accordingly read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Wharton, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the thirty-first ultimo, the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to amend an act,"

entitled 'An act establishing Circuit Courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio,' be discharged from the consideration of the same.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act authorizing the employment of an additional naval force ;"

"An act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress ;" and

"An act for the relief of Edward Beamont ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House resumed the consideration of an engrossed bill providing an additional military force, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Tallmadge, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed *indefinitely* :

And after farther debate thereon,

An adjournment was called for : On which

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30. 1809.

Mr. Nelson, from the committee to whom was referred, on the eleventh of November last, so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session of Congress, as relates to the military and naval establishments, to whom was committed, on the thirteenth instant, a bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to an act, entitled 'An act more effectually to provide for the national defence, by establishing an uniform militia throughout the United States,'" reported, that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the nineteenth instant, a letter and report from the Secretary of War, with sundry accompanying documents, presented, according to order, a bill concerning invalid pensioners ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to prohibit, in certain cases, the entry of foreign vessels into the ports and harbors of the United States ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Wednesday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Postmaster General of the United States, accompanying his reports respecting unproductive routes and public contracts ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The Speaker presented to the House representations from sundry inhabitants of several towns therein named, in the counties of Berkshire, Cumberland, Worcester, and Plymouth, in the State of Massachusetts, relative to the manner of appointing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, lately adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of that State.

Mr. Seaver presented representations from sundry inhabitants of Medway, in the county of Norfolk, and State of Massachusetts, aforesaid, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of the same tenor, and to the like effect.

Mr. Bacon presented similar representations from sundry inhabitants of Adams, Lanesborough, and Savoy, in the county of Berkshire, and State aforesaid.

Mr. Barker presented similar representations from sundry inhabitants of Abington and Pembroke, in the county of Plymouth, in the said State ; and

Mr. Hsley also presented representations of the same tenor, and to the like effect, from sundry inhabitants of Gray and Poland, in the county of Cumberland, and State of Massachusetts aforesaid.

The said representations were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Verplanck presented a memorial of sundry citizens of the county of Orange, in the State of New York, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying the establishment of new post roads to pass through the towns or places therein enumerated, within the States of New York and Connecticut.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Say, one of the members for the State of Pennsylvania, presented to the House a letter addressed to him from John Hills, of the city of Philadelphia, accompanied with a map of the said city, and its vicinity, the acceptance of which, for the use of the Library of Congress, is respectfully offered by the said Hills.

The said letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Barker,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of Bridgewater, in the State of Massachusetts, presented on the eighth of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Newbold presented the petitions of William Erwin and Richard Long, of Burlington, in the State of New Jersey, respectively praying that they may be allowed the balance of pay and other emoluments due for their services as privates in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain; or that such other relief may be afforded in the premises as to the wisdom and justice of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of Claims.

Mr. Harris presented a petition of William McLaland, praying to be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of military services rendered, and wounds and other personal injuries received, by the petitioner whilst a private in the present army of the United States, under the command of Generals Wayne and Wilkinson.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

The House resumed the consideration of an engrossed bill providing an additional military force, which was depending on Saturday last, at the time of adjournment: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded, that the said bill do lie on the table:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, as followeth:

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I transmit to Congress a letter recently received from our Minister at the Court of St. James', covering one to him from the British Secretary of State, with his reply. These are communicated, as forming a sequel to the correspondence which accompanied my message to both Houses, of the seventeenth instant.

TH. JEFFERSON.

JANUARY 30, 1809.

The said message, and the papers transmitted therewith, were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the Vice President of the United States having obtained leave of absence, the Senate have proceeded to the choice of a President pro tempore, as the Constitution provides, and the Honorable John Milledge hath been duly elected. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on a resolution proposed by Mr. Nicholas, on the twenty-fourth inst. relative to a repeal of the several embargo laws, and to the resuming, maintaining, and defending, the navigation of the high seas, against any nation or nations having in force edicts, orders, or decrees, violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the

United States; to which Committee of the Whole House was also referred, on the twenty-seventh of the present month, a resolution moved by Mr. Bacon, for arming the merchant vessels of the United States, and authorizing the officers and crews of the said vessels to repel, by force, any attempt to search, restrain, or seize the same, by any French or British armed vessel; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said proposed resolutions under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said proposed resolutions.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit: "An act authorizing the employment of an additional naval force;" "An act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress;" and "An act for the relief of Edward Beamount."

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1809.

Mr. Mumford presented memorials and remonstrances of the citizens of the first, second, and fifth wards of the city of New York, at meetings held by the said citizens, signed by their chairman, and attested by their secretaries, respectively stating certain hardships and inconveniences to which the memorialists and other inhabitants of the said city and State have been, and are now subjected, in consequence of the operation of a late act of Congress more effectually to enforce the several embargo laws of the United States; and praying, for the reasons therein set forth, an immediate repeal of the said act.

The said memorials and remonstrances were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions proposed by Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Bacon, on the twenty-fourth and twenty-seventh instant.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend an act, entitled 'An act establishing Circuit Courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of the district of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Cook presented to the House a representation of sundry inhabitants of Prospect, in the county of Hancock, and State of Massachusetts, in relation to the manner lately adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of that State of appointing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States.

The said representation was received, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Poindexter, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider two resolutions proposed by him, which were read and ordered to lie on the table on the twenty-sixth instant; and the same being again read, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a land office for the sale of the lands of the United States East of the Red river, and West of the Mississippi, in the Territory of Orleans; and that they have leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of granting the right of pre-emption, in certain cases, to actual settlers in the Territory of Orleans; and that they have leave to report thereon by bill, or otherwise.

A division of the question thereon was called for by Mr. Bassett, and seconded: Whereupon,

The question being taken that the House do agree to the first resolution, as originally proposed,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The second resolution, in the words herein before recited, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Mr. Cutts presented a petition of William Frost, of York, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that he may be allowed the commutation of five years full pay, and other

emoluments due for his services as an officer in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, a bill making provision for the discharge of certain unsatisfied claims against the United States.

Mr. Speaker presented to the House representations from sundry inhabitants of Lexington, in the county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto respectively subscribed, of the same tenor, and to the like effect, with a representation presented, this day, by Mr. Cook, from sundry inhabitants of Prospect, in the county of Hancock, and State of Massachusetts aforesaid.

Mr. Green presented similar representations of sundry inhabitants of Eastham and Falmouth, in the county of Barnstable, and of New Bedford, in the county of Bristol, and State aforesaid; and

Mr. Cutts also presented a representation from sundry inhabitants of Bloomfield, and county of Oxford, in the State of Massachusetts, to the like effect.

The said representations were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, that the House do agree to a resolution and order, which he read in his place, and afterwards delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were again read, in the words following, to wit:

Resolved, That a committee on the part of this House, jointly, with such as the honorable Senate may join, be appointed for the purpose of taking into consideration the several memorials from sundry of the citizens of the State of Massachusetts, remonstrating against the mode in which the appointment of Electors for President and Vice President has been proceeded to on the part of the Legislature of said State, as irregular and unconstitutional; and praying for the interference of the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States, for the purpose of preventing the establishment of so dangerous a precedent; and that said committee do examine the matter of said memorials, and report their opinion thereupon, to both Houses.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry to the Senate the several memorials above mentioned, and desire their concurrence in the aforesaid resolution."

Ordered, That the said proposed resolution and order do lie on the table.

Mr. Bassett, one of the members for the State of Virginia, presented to the House certain papers in relation to a violation of the several laws laying an embargo upon all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, alleged to have been committed by the officers and crew of the schooner *Caroline*, of Norfolk, and owned by Daniel Sanford and John Hopkins, formerly trading under the copartnership of Bulter Cocke and Daniel Sanford; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Post Office and Post Roads be directed to inquire into the propriety of increasing the compensation of the Postmaster at the town of York, in the State of Virginia.

On motion of Mr. Blount, and seconded,

That the farther consideration of a bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act making appropriations to complete the fortifications commenced for the security of the seaport towns and harbors of the United States, and to defray the expense of deepening and extending to the river Mississippi the canal of Carondelet," be postponed *indefinitely*:

And the question being put thereon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Bassett, and seconded,

That the farther consideration of the bill, entitled "An act authorizing the appointment and employment of an additional number of navy officers, seamen, and marines," together with the amendments of the Senate thereto, be postponed *indefinitely*:

The question was taken thereupon,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Nathan Wilson, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from the Court House in the town of Salem, to the Clerk's Office in the town of Argyle, and from thence to the Court House in the town of Kingbury, in the county of Washington, and State of New York.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was referred, on the twenty-third of November last, a report of the Committee on the Public Lands, made the twenty-first of the same month, on a memorial of the House of Representatives of the Mississippi Territory.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for dividing the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments," without amendment. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions proposed by Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Bacon, on the twenty-fourth and twenty-seventh instant ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said proposed resolution under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said proposed resolutions.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1809.

On motion of Mr. Say, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Speaker be directed to acknowledge the receipt of the directory or survey of ten miles round the center hydrant of the city of Philadelphia ; and that, agreeably to the author's request, it be deposited in the Library of Congress.

The Speaker presented to the House representations from sundry inhabitants of Sudbury, in the county of Middlesex, and of Howard, in the county of Worcester, and State of Massachusetts, in relation to the manner lately adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of that State of appointing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States.

The said representations were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Burwell, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be instructed to furnish the Librarian of Congress with two complete sets of all documents laid before Congress at each session :

The said proposed resolution being read, was, on motion of Mr. Stanford, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom was referred, on the fifteenth of December last, a letter and representation of Thomas Paine, presented to this House on the fourth of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight, made a report thereon ; which was read, and, on motion of Mr. David R. Williams, ordered to lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions proposed by Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Bacon, on the twenty-fourth and twenty-seventh ultimo ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said proposed resolutions under consideration, and made a further progress therein, and directed him to ask leave of the House to sit again.

A motion was then made by Mr. Dawson, and seconded, that the question for the Committee of the Whole House to have leave to sit again on the said proposed resolutions be postponed indefinitely :

And debate arising thereon,

An adjournment was called for : Whereupon,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1809.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the thirtieth ultimo, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act to alter the time for the next meeting of Congress ;" also, that the President did, on the first instant, approve and

sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward Beamont."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Bacon presented a petition of Amos Whittemore and William Whittemore, jun. praying an extension of the term for which a patent hath been granted to the petitioners for making, using, and vending a machine to manufacture wool and cotton cards, for the reasons therein specified.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to Mr. Jedediah K. Smith, Mr. Upham, Mr. Matthias Richards, Mr. Goodwyn, and Mr. Holland; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

On motion of Mr. Jedediah K. Smith,

Ordered, That the petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of New Hampshire, presented on the twenty-ninth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

A motion was made by Mr. Bacon, and seconded, that the House do now proceed to consider a resolution and order proposed by him on the thirty-first ultimo, for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses to consider and report on the several representations from citizens of Massachusetts, in relation to the manner lately adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of that State of appointing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States; and for directing the Clerk of this House to desire the concurrence of the Senate in the same: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the said proposed resolution and order do lie on the table:

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Burwell, and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider a resolution proposed by him, and ordered to lie on the table, on the first instant; and the same being amended on the several motions of Mr. Macon and Mr. Marion, to read as followeth:

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be instructed to furnish the Librarian of Congress with two complete sets of the Journals and all Documents and Reports laid before Congress at each session:

A motion was made by Mr. Durell, and seconded, farther to amend the said resolution, by adding, to the end thereof, the words following: "and to transmit to the Secretary of each of the States in the Union, and of the Territories thereof, one such set for the use of said States and Territories, respectively:"

And on the question that the House do agree to the said proposed amendment,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Stanford, and seconded, that the said resolution, as amended, and herein before recited, be referred to a select committee, to consider and report thereon to the House:

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That Mr. Burwell, Mr. Stanford, and Mr. Ely, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations to complete the fortifications commenced for the security of the seaport towns and harbors of the United States, and to defray the expense of deepening and extending to the river Mississippi the canal of Carondelet," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have also passed a bill, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of religious societies in the District of Columbia;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the thirty-first ultimo, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the employment of an additional naval force." And then he withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the motion for an *indefinite* postponement of the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on two resolutions proposed by Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Bacon, on the twenty-fourth and twenty-seventh ultimo, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker decided as the opinion of the Chair, that the motion for an indefinite postponement of the question granting leave to the Committee of the Whole House to sit again on the subject-matter of the said proposed resolutions, was not in order.

The question then recurred on granting leave to the Committee of the Whole House to sit again on the said resolutions; and the same being taken, It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said Committee of the Whole House; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said proposed resolutions under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said proposed resolutions.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock:

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1809.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Governor of the State of Pennsylvania, accompanied with such returns as have been transmitted to him, of the election of members to serve in this House from the said State, for the term of two years, commencing the fourth of March next; also, the copy of a proclamation issued by the said Governor, relative thereto; which was read, and, together with the said returns and proclamation, ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Nelson have leave to be absent from the service of the House for ten days; and Mr. Goldsborough until the seventeenth of the present month.

Mr. Van Allen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act for dividing the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Lewis presented a petition of Edwin C. Brown, legal representative, in right of his wife, of James Craine, formerly of the county of Lancaster, in the State of Virginia, and now deceased, praying that the petitioner may receive the commutation of five years full pay, and other emoluments due for the services of the deceased, as a captain in the Virginia line of the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-eighth of December last, a bill making provision for the discharge of certain unsatisfied claims against the United States.

The Speaker presented to the House representations from sundry inhabitants of Dracutt, in the county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, in relation to the manner of appointing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, lately adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of that State.

Mr. Green presented a representation from sundry inhabitants of Falmouth, in the county of Barnstable, and State of Massachusetts, aforesaid, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of the same tenor, and to the like effect.

The said representations were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the thirtieth ultimo, the petitions of William Erwin and Richard Long, of Burlington, in the State of New Jersey, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said petitions be severally referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On a motion made by Mr. Van Dyke, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Secretary of War be directed to inquire and report to this House whether it be expedient to erect, at or near Wilmington, at or near Newcastle, at or near Fort Penn, in the county of Newcastle, and at or near Lewis, in the county of Sussex, in the State of Delaware, one or more batteries or fortifications, for the protection of the said towns and the country adjacent; and in case he be of opinion that it is expedient to erect such batteries or fortifications, that he report whether any, and what, additional appropriations be necessary for the purpose.

The House proceeded to consider the said proposed resolution at the Clerk's table; and the same being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying his report on the petition of William McLaland, referred to him by order of the House, on the thirtieth ultimo; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

The Speaker presented to the House a memorial of sundry citizens of the county of Harrison, in the Indiana Territory, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the ordinance of Congress for the government of the said Territory, passed on the thirteenth of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, may be so revised and amended as to vest in the People of that Territory the power of electing their delegate in this House, for the same term of time, in the same manner, and by the same persons who elect the members in the House of Representatives for the Indiana Territory.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty sixth of December last, a bill extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes.

On motion of Mr. Randolph, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any advances of money have been made to the Commander in Chief of the army, by the Department of War, contrary to law; and, if any, to what amount.

Ordered, That Mr. Randolph, Mr. Smilie, Mr. John Montgomery, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. Johnson, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing the sale and grant of a certain quantity of public land to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons elected of their election, and for regulating the time, place, and manner, of administering the oath of office to the President;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A motion was made by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded, that the House do now, according to the order of the day, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions proposed by Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Bacon, on the twenty-fourth and twenty-seventh ultimo: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Troup, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said proposed resolutions be postponed *indefinitely*:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 29,
Nays 93.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Meshack Franklin,
James Holland,
John G. Jackson,
William Kirkpatrick,

Nathaniel Macon,
John Morrow,
John Porter,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,

John Blake, junior,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,

Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Orchard Cook,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Isley,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Philip B. Key,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Edward St. Loc Livermore,
 Edward Loyd,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Cree, Jr.,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.

John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Nathan Wilson.

And on the question that the House do agree to the motion made by Mr. David R. Williams,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said proposed resolutions under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said proposed resolutions.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1809.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of State, accompanied with his report, exhibiting a statement of the whole number of persons born in foreign countries, and legally admitted citizens of the United States by naturalization, who have been registered as American seamen, and returned as such to the Department of State, according to the lists transmitted by the Collectors of the Customs, in

pursuance of the law relative "to the relief and protection of American seamen," transmitted in obedience to a resolution of this House, of the ninth ultimo; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanied with a supplementary report and sundry documents in relation to invalid pensioners; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Claims.

On motion of Mr. Sawyer, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures be instructed to inquire whether any, and, if any, what, additional compensation ought to be allowed to the Collector of the port of Edenton.

The Speaker presented to the House representations from sundry inhabitants of Lincoln, Waltham, and Watertown, in the county of Middlesex, and State of Massachusetts, in relation to the manner lately adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of that State of appointing the Electors for President and Vice President of the United States.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of John N. Stout; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Livermore presented memorials of sundry inhabitants of the county of Essex, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the several laws of Congress laying and enforcing an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States may be repealed; and that the system of just, equal, and liberal policy, which heretofore, in the opinion of the memorialists, was calculated to promote the honor, dignity, and general welfare of the Union, may be restored.

The said memorials were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions proposed by Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Bacon, on the twenty-fourth and twenty-seventh ultimo.

Mr. Barker presented a representation from sundry inhabitants of Rochester, in the county of Plymouth, and State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of the same tenor, and to the like effect with the representations presented this day, by Mr. Speaker, from sundry inhabitants of the county of Middlesex, in the said State.

Mr. Hsley presented similar representations from sundry inhabitants of Buckfield and Sumner, in the county of Oxford, and State of Massachusetts aforesaid.

The said representations were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution of the Senate, of the third instant, for the appointment of a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons who shall be elected of their election; and to regulate the time, place, and manner of administering the oath of office to the President: Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said resolution; and that Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Cutts, be appointed a committee on the part of this House, pursuant thereto.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing the sale and grant of a certain quantity of public land to the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal Company," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a report of the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund, accompanied with sundry document and statements, exhibiting the measures authorized by the Board, subsequent to their report, dated the fifth of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of religious societies in the District of Columbia," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Gardevoir presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of New York,

whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the present post route from Sullivan to Cazenovia may be discontinued; and that a new post road may be established, by law, from Vernon to Manlius, in the said State.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On motion of Mr. Gardenier,

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of Florence, Utica, Western, and Steuben, in the State of New York, presented on the twenty-seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be severally referred to the committee last mentioned.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions proposed by Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Bacon, on the twelfth-fourth and twenty seventh ultimo; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said proposed resolutions under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, on Monday next, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said proposed resolutions.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the third instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, to wit: "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act establishing Circuit Courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of the Districts of Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio;'" and "An act for dividing the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments."

On a motion made by Mr. Durell, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the United States will consider any capture and condemnation of merchant vessels of the United States, owned wholly by a citizen or citizens thereof, and engaged in lawful commerce, by an armed vessel sailing under a belligerent flag, and acting by, or under authority of orders, decrees, or edicts, violating the lawful commerce or neutral rights of the United States, as a declaration of war on the part of that Government to which said belligerent flag shall belong, and in whose Courts such condemnation shall be had.

Resolved, That the President of the United States, on being satisfactorily informed of such capture and condemnation, as aforesaid, be requested, forthwith, to recall from such belligerent State, by or under whose authority such capture or condemnation shall be made, such resident Minister or Ministers of the United States as may reside at the Government thereof.

The said proposed resolutions were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Cook presented representations from sundry inhabitants of the county of Hancock, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of the same tenor and to the like effect with the representations presented this day, by Mr. Speaker, from sundry inhabitants of the county of Middlesex, and State aforesaid; which were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1809.

Mr. Burwell, from the committee to whom was referred, on the second instant, a resolution relative to certain sets of journals, documents, and reports, to be deposited in the Library of Congress, made a report thereon; which was read and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House be directed to furnish the Library of Congress with two complete sets of the journals, and of all printed reports and public documents laid before Congress, or either House, at each session.

On motion of Mr. Boyd, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads be instructed to inquire into the expediency of establishing a post road from Hamburg, in Sussex county, through Stockholm, Pompton, Patterson, and Acquackanuk, to the city of Jersey.

Mr. Mumford presented a petition of Edward Patten, of the city and State of New York, butcher, praying an additional compensation for services rendered in the capacity aforesaid, to a detachment of the Continental army at Peekskill, in the said State, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-eighth of December last, a bill making provision for the discharge of certain unsatisfied claims against the United States.

Mr. Gardner presented a petition of the inhabitants of Packersfield, in the State of New Hampshire, signed, by order and in behalf of the said inhabitants, by Samuel Griffin and Silas Marshal, selectmen, praying for the reasons therein set forth, that the several acts laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and more effectually to enforce the same, may be repealed, whenever, in the judgment of Congress, it may be expedient to adopt that measure.

Mr. Mumford presented a memorial of the citizens of the third and eighth wards of the city of New York, signed by their Chairman and attested by their Secretary, to the like effect.

The said petition and memorial were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions proposed by Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Bacon, the twenty-fourth and twenty-seventh ultimo.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee on the Public Lands be instructed to inquire into the expediency of making further provision for compensation to the Board of Commissioners, Clerk, and Translator, for adjusting claims to land in the Louisiana Territory; and that they report by bill, or otherwise.

Mr. Van Alen presented a petition of Eleazer Spencer, of the town of Hillsdale, in the County of Columbia, and State of New York, praying a reimbursement of the sum of seventeen pounds, New York currency, equal to forty-two dollars and fifty cents, with the interest accruing thereon, which was paid by the petitioner as security for Abner Spencer, an apprentice enlisted as a private in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the twenty-eighth of December last, a bill making provision for the discharge of certain unsatisfied claims against the United States.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the third instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act for dividing the Indiana Territory into two separate Governments."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker presented to the House representations from sundry inhabitants of the counties of Middlesex and Worcester, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in relation to the manner lately adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of that State of appointing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States.

Mr. Cutts presented representations from sundry inhabitants of the counties of Hancock, Oxford, and York, in the said State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of the same tenor, and to the like effect.

Mr. Bacon presented a similar representation from sundry inhabitants of the county of Berkshire, and State aforesaid.

The said representations were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Howard,

Ordered, That the Committee on the Public Lands to whom were referred, on the twelfth ultimo, such parts of a petition of Francis Taylor and Judith Taylor, legal representatives of Henry Field, now deceased, as relate to a claim for the proportion of land stated to be due for military services rendered by the deceased, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, be discharged from the consideration of the same.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow,

Ordered, That the petition of Whitmore Knaggs, Inspector for the Indian Department at Detroit, in the Michigan Territory, presented on the twenty-ninth of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

On motion of Mr. Bacon, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House do carry to the Senate the several memorials from sundry citizens of the State of Massachusetts, remonstrating against the mode in which the appointment of electors for President and Vice President has been proceeded to on the part of the Senate and House of Representatives of said State, as irregular and unconstitutional; and praying the interference of the Senate and House of Re-

representatives of the United States, for the purpose of preventing the establishment of so dangerous a precedent.

Mr. Barker presented a memorial of Henry Warren, Collector for the port of Plymouth, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that the accounting officers of the Treasury Department may be authorized to pass to the credit of the accounts of the memorialists the allowances of bounty paid by the memorialists to vessels employed in the cod fishery of the United States, which were authorized to be received by the owners and crews of the said vessels, on the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the fourth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend the act, entitled 'An act establishing Circuit Courts and abridging the jurisdiction of the District Courts of the districts of Kentucky, Tennessee; and Ohio.'" The Senate recede from their amendment, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations to complete the fortifications commenced for the security of the sea-port towns and harbors of the United States, and to defray the expense of deepening and extending to the river Mississippi the canal of Carondelet." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions proposed by Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Bacon, and Mr. Durell, on the twenty-fourth and twenty-seventh ultimo, and the fourth instant; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said proposed resolutions under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said proposed resolutions.

Mr. Burwell presented to the House a memorial of Samuel Briscoe, and others, Commissioners appointed by a law enacted at the last session of the General Assembly of Maryland, to receive subscriptions for stock in the Susquehanna Bridge Company, praying the aid and patronage of Congress to enable the said Company to effect the object therein specified.

Mr. Burwell also presented to the House an attested copy of a late law passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, entitled "An act to incorporate a company for the purpose of building a bridge over the river Susquehanna."

The said memorial and act were received, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1809.

Mr. Macon presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of Washington county, in the Mississippi Territory, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that a right of pre-emption may be granted to the petitioners and other actual settlers within the said Territory; also, that a free navigation of the river Mobile may be secured, so as to prevent the payment by citizens of the United States, or the Territories thereof, of foreign duties on goods, wares, and merchandise, imported into, and exported from, the said river, and passing by the port of Mobile.

The said petition was read: Whereupon,

Ordered, That so much thereof as relates to the right of pre-emption to lands within the said Territory, be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Ordered, That such other parts of the said petition as relate to a free navigation of the river Mobile, be referred to the Secretary of State, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Poindexter presented a petition of sundry inhabitants on Tombigbee river, in the Mississippi Territory, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying, for the reasons therein specified, that the right of pre-emption granted to actual settlers on public lands situated on the West side of the Tombigbee river, may be extended to actual settlers on the East side of the same.

Mr. Poindexter also presented a petition of Samuel Mims, of Washington county, in the Mississippi Territory, legal representative of William Clark, deceased, praying that a title in fee simple to two tracts of land on the East side of the Alabama river, in the

said Territory, may be confirmed to the petitioner by the Government of the United States, for the reasons therein specified.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Southard presented a petition of the associates of the Jersey Company, signed by their President, and attested by their Clerk, praying that the town of Jersey may be established as a port of entry, for the reasons therein set forth.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee appointed, the fourth instant, on the part of this House, jointly, with a committee appointed on the part of the Senate, to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President, and of notifying the persons elected of their election; and to regulate the time, place, and manner of administering the oath of office to the President, made a report, in part, thereupon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth:

Resolved, That the two Houses shall assemble in the chamber of the House of Representatives, on Wednesday next, at twelve o'clock; that two persons be appointed tellers, on the part of this House, to make a list of the votes, as they shall be declared; that the result shall be delivered to the President of the Senate, who shall announce the state of the vote, and the persons elected, to the two Houses assembled as aforesaid; which shall be deemed a declaration of the persons elected President and Vice President; and, together with a list of votes, be entered on the Journals of the two Houses.

Ordered, That Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Van Dyke be appointed tellers on the part of this House, pursuant to the foregoing resolution; and that the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Durell presented a petition of Thomas Simpson, of New Hampton, in the State of New Hampshire, praying that he may receive the arrearages of pension granted him by law, in consideration of military services rendered, and personal injuries sustained, whilst an officer in the Continental army, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Ordered, That the said petition be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

On motion of Mr. Burwell,

Ordered, That a petition of the Commissioners of the Susquehanna Bridge Company, together with the attested copy of a late act passed by the General Assembly of Maryland, presented on the sixth instant, be referred to Mr. Say, Mr. Marion, Mr. Dana, Mr. Howard, and Mr. Jedediah K. Smith, a committee appointed the twenty-sixth ultimo, and to whom were referred the memorials of the President and Managers of the Susquehanna and Tioga Turnpike Road Company, and of the President, Managers, and Company, of the Philadelphia, Brandywine, and New London Turnpike Roads.

Mr. Deane presented representations from sundry inhabitants of the county of Bristol, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in relation to the manner of appointing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, lately adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of that State.

The Speaker presented similar representations from sundry inhabitants of the county of Berkshire, in the State of Massachusetts, aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said representations to the Senate, in pursuance of a resolution agreed to on the sixth instant.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have agreed to the report, in part, of the joint committee of the two Houses appointed "to ascertain and report a mode of examining the votes for President and Vice President of the United States, and of notifying the persons elected of their election; and to regulate the time, place, and manner, of administering the oath of office to the President;" and have appointed Mr. Smith, of Maryland, a teller of the votes, on their part. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions proposed by Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Bacon, and Mr. Durell, on the twenty-fourth and twenty-seventh ultimo, and the fourth instant; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said proposed resolutions under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said proposed resolutions.

The several orders of the day were further postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1809.

On motion of Mr. Holmes,

Ordered, That the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred on the fourth instant, a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanied with a supplementary report and sundry documents in relation to invalid pensioners, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the said letter, report, and documents, be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the thirtieth ultimo, a bill concerning invalid pensioners.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations to complete the fortifications commenced for the security of the seaport towns and harbors of the United States, and to defray the expense of deepening and extending to the river Mississippi the canal of Carondelet," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Deane presented a representation from sundry inhabitants of the county of Bristol, in the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, in relation to the manner of appointing Electors for President and Vice President of the United States, lately adopted by the Senate and House of Representatives of that State.

Mr. Barker presented a similar representation from sundry inhabitants of the county of Plymouth, in the State of Massachusetts aforesaid.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said representations to the Senate, pursuant to a resolution of this House of the sixth instant.

Mr. John G. Jackson presented a petition of sundry citizens of Brooke county, in the State of Virginia, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that the road commenced and laid out from the river Potomac to the Ohio river, may pass through the town of Washington, and thence to Charlestown, on the river Ohio, for the reasons therein specified.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, the fourteenth of December last, on a written message from the President of the United States, transmitting a supplementary report of the commissioners appointed under the act of Congress of the twenty-ninth of March, one thousand eight hundred and six, concerning a road from Cumberland to Ohio.

On motion of Mr. Nicholas, that the House do agree to the following order:

Ordered, That when the members of the Senate appear this day in the Representatives' Chamber, the President of the Senate shall be introduced to the chair by the Speaker:

The question was taken thereupon,
And resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Mr. Randolph,

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Nicholas, and seconded,

Ordered, That a message be sent to the Senate to inform them that this House is now ready to attend them in opening the certificates, and counting the votes of the Electors of the several States, in the choice of a President and Vice President of the United States, in pursuance of the resolutions of the two Houses of Congress, of the seventh instant; and that the Clerk of this House do go with the said message.

The Clerk, accordingly, went with the said message; and being returned,

The Senate attended, and took seats in the House; when both Houses of Congress being assembled,

Mr. Nicholas and Mr. Van Dyke, the tellers on the part of this House, together with Mr. Smith, of Maryland, the teller on the part of the Senate, took seats at the Clerk's table.

The President of the Senate, in the presence of both Houses of Congress, proceeded to open the certificates of the Electors of the several States, beginning with the State of New Hampshire; and as the votes were read, the tellers on the part of each House

counted and took lists of the same ; which being compared, were delivered to the President of the Senate, and are as follow :

	FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.			FOR VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.			
	JAMES MADISON, of Virginia.	GEORGE CLINTON, of New York.	CHARLES COTESWORTH PINCKNEY, S. C.	GEORGE CLINTON, of New York.	JAMES MADISON, of Virginia.	JAMES MONROE, of Virginia.	JOHN LANGDON, of New Hampshire.
New Hampshire,			7				7
Massachusetts,			19				19
Rhode Island,			4				4
Connecticut,			9				9
Vermont,	6						6
New York,	13	6		13	3	3	
New Jersey,	8			8			
Pennsylvania,	20			20			
Delaware,			3				3
Maryland,	9		2	9			2
Virginia,	24			24			
North Carolina,	11		3	11			3
South Carolina,	10			10			
Georgia,	6			6			
Tennessee,	5			5			
Kentucky,	7			7			
Ohio,	3						3
	122	6	47	113	3	3	9
							47

RECAPITULATION OF THE VOTES OF THE ELECTORS.

For the President of the United States.

James Madison,	122 votes.
Charles Cotesworth Pinckney,	47
George Clinton,	6
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For Vice President of the United States.

George Clinton,	113 votes.
Rufus King,	47
John Langdon,	9
James Madison,	3
James Monroe,	3
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The President of the Senate, pursuant to the joint resolutions of the two Houses, of the seventh instant, then announced the state of the votes to both Houses of Congress, and declared, "That James Madison was duly elected President of the United States, for four years, to commence on the fourth of March next; and that George Clinton was duly elected Vice President of the United States, for the like term of four years, to commence on the said fourth day of March next."

The two Houses then separated, and the Senate returned to their Chamber.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1809.

The Journal of the proceedings of this House of the eighth instant, being read by the Clerk,

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, to amend the same, by inserting a letter written by Matthew Walton, one of the Electors of President and Vice President of the United States for the State of Kentucky, to the other Electors for the said State, relative to the cause of his inability to attend and give his vote at the time and place appointed by law for that purpose.

And on the question that the said Journal, of the eighth instant, be so amended ;

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, that the said Journal, of the eighth instant, be amended so as to insert after the entry made of the declaration by the President of the Senate, of the persons who have been elected President and Vice President of the United States, the following clause, to wit :

Matthew Walton, one of the Electors of the State of Kentucky, not having attended at the time and place appointed by law, as appears by his letter to the Electors of the State of Kentucky, accompanying their return, his vote was not given or counted :

And the question being taken that the Journal be so amended,

It passed in the negative.

On a motion of Mr. Taylor, and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House to whom were referred, on the twenty-sixth and thirty-first of December last, a bill to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes ; and a resolution proposed by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, on the same subject, be discharged from the consideration thereof :

The question was taken thereupon,

And resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Taylor, and seconded, that the said bill and proposed resolution be referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the resolutions proposed by Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Bacon, and Mr. Durell, the twenty-fourth and twenty-seventh ultimo, and the fourth instant :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Macon, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said bill and proposed resolution be referred to the committee appointed, the eleventh of November last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session of Congress, as respects our relations with foreign Powers.

On motion of Mr. Marion,

Ordered, That the petition of James Wilson, junior, of Charleston, in South Carolina, presented the twenty-third of November, one thousand eight hundred and seven, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

On motion of Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House, to whom are referred the resolutions proposed by Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Bacon, and Mr. Durell, on the twenty-fourth and twenty-seventh ultimo, and the fourth instant, be discharged from the farther consideration of the same :

And, after debate,

The question was taken thereupon,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 65,
 { Nays 55.

The yeas and yeas being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 David Bard,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,

Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Robert Marion,
 William M'Creeery,
 Daniel Montgomery, jr.
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
 Burwell Bassett,
 John Blake, jun.
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Orchard Cook,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jr.
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 William Hoge,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Joseph Lewis, jr.
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,

Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Timothy Pitkin, jr.
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 James Sloan,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 David R. Williams.

A motion was then made by Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded, that the said proposed resolutions be referred to the committee appointed, the eleventh of November last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States, at the commencement of the present session of Congress, as respects our relations with foreign Powers :

And debate arising thereon,

A motion was made and seconded that the House do now adjourn :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

And on the question that the House do agree to the motion of Mr. Willis Alston, as hereinbefore recited,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 55,
 { Nays 36.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,

John Lambert,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Benjamin Say,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
James I. Van Allen,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Martin Chittenden,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,

Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
David R. Williams.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow
And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1809.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, presented, according to order, a bill for the disposal of certain tracts of land in the Mississippi Territory, claimed under Spanish grants reported by the Land Commissioners as antedated, and for other purposes; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and nine; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On a motion made by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House immediately.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Pitkin reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several additional amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

Mr. John G. Jackson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the ninth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations to complete the fortifications commenced for the security of the seaport towns and harbors of the United States, and to defray the expense of deepening and extending to the river Mississippi the canal of Carondelet."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to revive and continue, for a further time, the authority of the Commissioners of Kaskasia," without amendment. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to incorporate a company for opening the canal in the City of Washington;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill concerning associations for the security of navigation; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill authorizing the Accounting officers of the Treasury Department to give credit to certain collectors of the Customs, for allowances paid by them to the owners and crews of fishing vessels; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, that the following be added as a new rule to the standing rules and orders of the House, to wit:

"The Speaker may admit within the Hall such Judicial officers of the United States, or either of them, as he may judge proper, and such gentlemen as have been members of either House of Congress."

The said proposed rule was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1809.

Mr. Say presented a petition of James Selby, of the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, praying a reimbursement of foreign duties of impost and tonnage which have been paid by the petitioner, in the case of the sloop *Sea Flower*, of Bristol, in Rhode Island, for the reasons therein specified.

Mr. Say also presented a memorial of Joseph Strong, of the said city of Philadelphia, praying that additional duties may be imposed on white lead, red lead, and litharge imported from foreign countries; or such other encouragement afforded to the manufactures of the said articles within the United States, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition and memorial were received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Green presented a petition of Asa Smith, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, of New Bedford, in the State of Massachusetts, in behalf of themselves and other owners of vessels and fishermen employed in the bank and cod fisheries of the United States, praying that they may receive the full allowance of bounty granted to the owners and crews of the said vessels, prior to the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the tenth instant, a bill authorizing the Accounting officers of the Treasury Department to give credit to certain collectors of the customs, for allowances paid by them to the owners and crews of fishing vessels.

On motion of Mr. Jeremiah Morrow,

Ordered, That the message from the President of the United States, of the nineteenth of February, one thousand eight hundred and eight, communicating an additional report of the proceedings of the Commissioners appointed under "An act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland, in the State of Maryland, to the State of Ohio," be referred to the committee appointed, the fourteenth of December last, on a message from the President of the United States relative to the same object.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a petition of sundry persons attending as witnesses on the trial of Aaron Burr, in the Circuit Court of the United States, for the District of Virginia, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying a remuneration of actual and unavoidable expenses incurred by the petitioners, in the capacity aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House, to whom was committed, on the twenty-seventh of December last, a bill giving a farther compensation to the witnesses and venire who attended the trial of Aaron Burr, before the Circuit Court of the United States for the District of Virginia.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate a company for opening the canal in the City of Washington," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Van Horn, and seconded, that the bill be read the third time on Monday next:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Van Horn, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time this day.

A message was received from the President of the United States, notifying that the President did, on the tenth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House entitled "An act making appropriations to complete the fortifications commenced for the security of the seaport towns and harbors of the United States, and to defray the expense of opening and extending to the river Mississippi the canal of Carondelet."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to the consideration of an engrossed bill concerning associations for the security of navigation: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, that the said bill be read the third time on Monday next:

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

An engrossed bill making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and nine, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and nine."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate a Company for opening the Canal in the City of Washington," was read the third time :

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Nicholas, from the committee appointed, the eleventh of November last, on so much of the message from the President of the United States at the commencement of the present session of Congress, as respects our relations with foreign Powers, presented, according to order, a bill to interdict commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

On motion of Mr. David R. Williams,

The House proceeded to consider an additional rule to the standing rules and orders of the House, proposed yesterday by Mr. Dana, and ordered to lie on the table ; and the same being again read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House, as followeth :

The Speaker may admit within the Hall such Judicial Officers of the United States, or either of them, as he may judge proper, and such gentlemen as have been members of either House of Congress.

On motion of Mr. Love, and seconded,

Resolved, That the laws of the several States shall be regarded as the rules of proceeding on judgments and executions in the Courts of the United States, except where the laws of the United States shall otherwise provide.

Ordered, That the said resolution be referred to Mr. Love, Mr. Livermore, Mr. Blackledge, Mr. Southard, and Mr. Kelly, with leave to report thereon by bill, or bills, or otherwise.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendments be engrossed, and, together with the bill, be read the third time on Monday next.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act to authorize the making of a turnpike road from Mason's Causeway to Alexandria ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning eleven o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1809.

Ordered, That Mr. Pitkin have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from this day, for the remainder of the session.

Mr. Milnor presented memorials of sundry citizens of the city and county of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively, stating certain inconveniences and grievances to which the memorialists and others have been, and are now subjected, in consequence of the provisions contained in the several acts of Congress laying and enforcing an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and praying, for the reasons therein specified, that the said laws may be repealed, whenever it may be advisable for the Legislature of the Union to adopt that measure.

Mr. Van Dyke presented memorials of sundry citizens of the State of Delaware, whose names are thereunto subscribed, to the like effect.

Mr. Mumford presented similar memorials from sundry citizens of the sixth and seventh wards of the city of New York.

The said memorials were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the eleventh instant, a bill to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes.

Mr. Livermore presented a petition of Nathaniel Ladd, of Haverhill, in the county of Essex, and State of Massachusetts, praying that he may be placed on the list of pensioners, in consideration of services rendered, and personal injuries received in an engagement with the enemy at Stillwater, whilst a private in Colonel Samuel Johnson's regiment of the Massachusetts militia in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain.

Mr. Livermore also presented a petition of Joseph Noyes, of Newbury, in the County and State aforesaid, a Lieutenant in Captain Samuel Carr's company, in the ninth Massachusetts regiment of the Continental army, to the like effect.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Livermore presented a memorial of Israel Thorndike, of Beverly, in the State of Massachusetts, praying to be allowed the drawback of duties on certain goods, wares, and merchandise, laded on board the ship Hope, by the memorialist at the port of Salem and Beverly, and bound to the city of New Orleans, some time in the month of May last, which vessel was compelled by unavoidable circumstances therein enumerated, to put into Havana, in the Island of Cuba, contrary to the intention of the memorialist, and of the master and crew of the ship aforesaid.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the making of a turnpike road from Mason's Causeway to Alexandria," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to the Committee for the District of Columbia, to consider and report thereon to the House.

Mr. Milnor presented a petition of sundry freeholders and proprietors of land in that part of the county of Alexandria, in the Territory of Columbia, which is situate between the towns of Alexandria and Georgetown, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating that they have been informed an application to Congress has been lately made for opening a new road through the lands of the petitioners, between the town of Alexandria and Georgetown Ferry; and praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the prayer of any petition or petitions for that object may not be granted.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee for the District of Columbia.

On a motion made by Mr. Masters, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn,

The question was taken thereupon,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 24,
 { Nays 54.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Joseph Barker,
John Boyle,
Epaphroditus Champion,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
William Helms,
Robert Jenkins,
William Kirkpatrick,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,

Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
Lemuel Sawyer,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Archibald Van Horn,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
John Culpener,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Barent Gardienier,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsey,
James Kelly,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon.

Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
Thomas Newton,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Benjamin Say,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Isaac Wilbour,
Nathan Wilson.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the disposal of certain tracts of land in the Mississippi Territory, claimed under Spanish grants, reported by the Land Commissioners as antedated, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Daniel Cotton; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made no amendment thereto.

Ordered, That the said bill be presently engrossed for a third reading.

The bill being brought in engrossed, was accordingly read the third time ;
And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative,	{ Yeas	58,
	{ Nays	36.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

'Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Joseph Barker,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
Epaphroditus Champion,
John Culpeper
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Barent Gardenier.

Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Isley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Josiah Masters.

William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
Lemuel Sawyer,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,

Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
William A. Burwell,
Joseph Calhoun,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Joseph Desha,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,

David Holmes,
Richard Jackson,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
Thomas Newbold,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Benjamin Say,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for the relief of Daniel Cotton."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States," together with the amendments agreed to on Saturday last, was read the third time: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill, as amended, be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

An engrossed bill concerning associations for the security of navigation was read the third time: Whereupon,

Ordered, That the said bill be recommitted to a Committee of the Whole House to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and in the course of the discussion, the committee found themselves without a quorum, and thereby dissolved.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On motion of Mr. Marion, and seconded,

Ordered, That the bill for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and mer-

chandise imported from any foreign port or place, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14. 1809.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills, to wit: "An act to revive and continue in force, for a further time, the authority of the Commissioners of Kaskaskia;" and "An act to incorporate a company for opening the canal in the city of Washington;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Upham,

Ordered, That the petitions of sundry inhabitants of the States of Massachusetts and Connecticut, presented on the seventh of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

Mr. Green presented a petition of Stephen Ryder, of Chatham, in the State of Massachusetts, praying that he may receive the allowance of bounty granted by law to the owners and crews of vessels employed in the fisheries of the United States, in the case of the schooner Friendship, of Chatham, in the District of Barnstable, and State aforesaid, for the reasons therein set forth.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

An engrossed bill extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

An engrossed bill for the disposal of certain tracts of land in the Mississippi Territory, claimed under Spanish grants reported by the Land Commissioners as antedated, and for other purposes, was read the third time: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Rowan, and seconded, that the farther consideration thereof be postponed indefinitely:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. Ely, and seconded, that the said bill be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, that the fourth and fifth sections of the bill be recommitted to the Committee on the Public Lands, farther to consider the same, and report to the House:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the disposal of certain tracts of land, claimed under Spanish grants reported by the Land Commissioners as antedated, and for other purposes."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

Mr. Love, from the committee appointed on the eleventh instant, presented, according to order, a bill to regulate process, in certain cases, in the Courts of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, ac-

according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1809.

The Speaker laid before the House two letters from the Secretary of War, accompanying his reports on the petitions of Thomas Simpson, of the State of New Hampshire, and of Nathaniel Ladd and Joseph Noyes, of the State of Massachusetts, referred to him by orders of the House, on the seventh and thirteenth instant; which were severally read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Lewis, from the Committee for the District of Columbia, to whom was committed, on the thirteenth instant, a bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the making of a turnpike road from Mason's causeway to Alexandria," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Van Horn, and seconded, that the bill be *now* read the third time:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Lewis, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Willis Alston, from the Committee of Ways and Means, presented, according to order, a bill further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments, and making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment, and of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Friday next.

On motion of Mr. Say,

Ordered, That the memorial of John Harrison, of the City of Philadelphia, presented on the fourteenth of March last, be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and nine," with an amendment; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee, on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to consider whether any, and, if any, what measures ought to be adopted for the further accommodation of the President of the United States, for the term commencing the fourth day of March next, to report by bill, or otherwise; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to interdict commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and nine:" Whereupon,

A motion being made by Mr. Willis Alston, and the question put thereupon, that the said amendment of the Senate, together with the bill, be committed to a Committee of the Whole House, immediately,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The House, accordingly, resolved itself into the said committee; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said amendment of the Senate under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same.

On the question that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said amendment,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1809.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the seventeenth, twenty-first, and twenty-fifth of November last, and the ninth instant, the petitions and memorial of Jacob Ritter, junior, James Creighton, James Thompson, Robert Peter Brann, and James Wilson, junior, made a report thereon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read, and considered: Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioners and memorialist have leave to withdraw their petitions and memorial.

Mr. Upham presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Massachusetts, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying a discontinuance of two post routes, and the establishment of new post roads, in lieu thereof, to pass through the towns or places within the said State, therein enumerated.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution of the Senate, of the fifteenth instant, for the appointment of a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, "to consider whether any, and, if any, what, measures ought to be adopted for the further accommodation of the President of the United States, for the term commencing the fourth day of March next, to report by bill, or otherwise:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said resolution; and that Mr. Bassett, Mr. David R. Williams, Mr. Daniel Montgomery, junior, Mr. Sturges, and Mr. Van Alen, be appointed a committee on the part of this House, pursuant thereto.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Jedediah K. Smith presented two petitions from sundry inhabitants of the State of New Hampshire, whose names are thereunto subscribed, respectively praying the establishment of a new post road from Concord, on Merrimac river, to Walpole, on Connecticut river, to pass through the towns or places therein specified.

The said petitions were read, and ordered to be severally referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the committee appointed, on the fourteenth of December last, presented, according to order, a bill in addition to the "Act to regulate the laying out and making a road from Cumberland in the State of Maryland, to the State of Ohio;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

No other amendment being offered thereto, the question was stated from the chair; that the bill, with the amendments, be engrossed for a third reading;

And the said question being taken,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 85,
 { Nays 27.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,

William M'Creery,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
John Davenport, jun.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,

Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Quincy,
John Russell,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time this day.

Mr. John G. Jackson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the

committee did, on the fifteenth instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, to wit: "An act to incorporate a company for opening the canal in the city of Washington;" and "An act to revive and continue for a further time the authority of the Commissioners of Kaskaskia."

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the fifteenth instant, approve and sign an act which originated in this House, entitled "An act to revive and continue, for a further time, the authority of the Commissioners of Kaskaskia."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and nine," and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to interdict commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes: and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

An engrossed bill for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place, was read the third time: Whereupon,

The question was stated from the chair, that the same do pass?

And after debate thereon,

A motion was made by Mr. Cook, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The main question was then taken that the said bill do pass,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 67,
 } Nays 26.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, junior,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland.

David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Robert Marion,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*.
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,

Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Alen,

Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
John Harris,
William Hoge,

Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
William Milnor,
Josiah Quincy,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Richard Stanford,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from any foreign port or place."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1809.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of War, accompanying two statements exhibiting the names of the clerks employed in the offices of the Secretary and Accountant of the Department of War, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight, and the salary allowed to each; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes;" which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Van Rensselaer presented a petition of sundry members of the Legislature of the State of New York, from the counties of Essex, Clinton, and Washington, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a new post road may be established from Lake Scharon, in the town of Chester, and county of Washington, to Essex Court House, and from thence to Chesterfield in the said State, where the contemplated road will intersect the post route from Canada, by the way of Lake Champlain.

The said petition was received, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the sixteenth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to incorporate a company for opening the canal in the city of Washington." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act authorizing an augmentation of the Marine Corps;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to interdict commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and

Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1809.

Another member, to wit : Marmaduke Williams, from North Carolina, appeared, and took his seat in the House.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying his report on the petition of Stephen Ryder, of Chatham, in the State of Massachusetts, referred to him by order of the House on the fourteenth instant; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Navy, accompanied with two statements, marked A, and B, exhibiting the names of the clerks employed in the offices of the Secretary and Accountant of the Navy Department, during the year one thousand eight hundred and eight, and the salary allowed to each; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Ways and Means.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee, did on the seventeenth instant, present to the President of the United States an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and nine."

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the eleventh ultimo, the memorial of Reade and Jephson, of the city and State of New York, merchants, made a report thereon; which was read and considered :

Whereupon,

Resolved, That the prayer of the memorialists ought not to be granted.

Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom were referred, on the twenty-fourth ultimo, and thirteenth instant, the memorial of Abraham Piesch, of the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, and the petition of Israel Thorndike, of Beverly, in the State of Massachusetts, made a report thereon; which was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion of Mr. Smilie, and seconded,

Ordered, That, until the end of the present session, the daily hour of meeting shall be ten o'clock; and should a quorum not appear, the names of the members shall be called, and those present noted in the journal of each day.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing an augmentation of the Marine Corps," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Monday next.

Mr. Dana, from the committee appointed on the twentieth of December last, presented, according to order, a bill for the benefit of seamen of the United States; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House on Tuesday next.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from Thomas P. Cope, offering to the acceptance of Congress, in behalf of the American Convention for promoting the abolition of slavery and improving the condition of the Africans, lately assembled in the city of Philadelphia, a book, entitled "Clarkson's History of Slavery," which is requested to be deposited in the Library of Congress.

The said letter was read : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Milnor, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Speaker be requested to acknowledge the receipt and acceptance of "Clarkson's History of Slavery," presented by the American Convention for promoting the abolition of slavery, and improving the condition of the Africans; and that the said work be deposited in the Library:

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes," without amendment. And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 1809.

Ordered, That Mr. David R. Williams have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from the twenty-eighth instant, for the remainder of the session.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, presented, according to order, a bill to remove the office of Collector from Tappahannock to Fredericksburg, and to make Tappahannock a port of delivery, and, also, to abolish the offices of surveyor at Fredericksburg, in Virginia, and at St. Mary's, in Maryland; and to establish a light-house at the entrance of Bayou St. John; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments reported on Saturday last, from the Committee of the Whole House, to the bill to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes; and the same being twice read at the Clerk's table, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On motion of Mr. Masters, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill concerning invalid pensioners; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

On a motion made by Mr. Ely, and seconded,

The House proceeded to reconsider the first amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill, and the same being amended, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The bill was then further amended at the Clerk's table, and together with the amendments, ordered to be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for the better government of the navy of the United States;'" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The House proceeded to the consideration of the bill to interdict the commercial intercourse with United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies; and for other purposes, as amended by the Committee of the Whole House: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, further to amend the bill, by striking out the words "so much of," in the first line of the twelfth section:

And the same being under debate,

The said motion for amendment was superseded by a motion of Mr. Bibb, to strike out the whole of the said twelfth section of the bill; which being received, and some progress made therein,

Another motion was made, by Mr. Winn, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the bill and amendments be postponed until Thursday next:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

An adjournment was then called for : On which

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1809.

Ordered, That Mr. Blackledge have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Wednesday, the first of March next, for the remainder of the session.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanying an account of the receipts and expenditures of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and seven, prepared in obedience to a standing order of this House, of the thirtieth of December, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one ; which was read, and, together with the account transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act for the better Government of the Navy of the United States," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Porter presented a memorial of sundry owners of vessels residing in the city of Philadelphia, in behalf of themselves and others, stating that the memorialists have been informed of an application to this House by a petition from sundry inhabitants of the town of Newcastle, in the State of Delaware, for establishing the said town of Newcastle as a port of entry, hath been made, and praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the prayer of the said petition may be granted.

The said memorial was read, and, together with the memorials of sundry citizens of the State of Delaware, presented the sixteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and two, and the thirty-first of January, one thousand eight hundred and three ; also, so much of two reports from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, made the sixteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and two, and the twenty-first of February, one thousand eight hundred and three, as relates to the object herein before specified, were, on the motions of Mr. Porter and Mr. Van Dyke, ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom was committed, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, a bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of certain Alabama Indians," reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report to the House their agreement to the same, with an amendment ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said amendment be engrossed, and, together with the bill, be read the third time to-morrow.

An engrossed bill concerning invalid pensioners was read the third time : Whereupon,

A motion being made by Mr. Holmes, and the question put thereupon, that the said bill do lie on the table,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Hsley presented a petition of William Hawkins, of Portland, in the State of Massachusetts, praying relief in the case of a judgment obtained against him, in the District Court of the United States for the District of Maine, and execution awarded thereon, for a violation of the several acts laying an embargo, which the petitioner was induced to commit from the persuasive suggestions of others, and the necessity to which he was reduced by the operation of the acts aforesaid.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the disposal of certain tracts of land in the Mississippi Territory, claimed under Spanish grants, reported by the Land Commissioners as antedated, and for other purposes," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act making provision for the further accommodation of

the household of the President of the United States ;" also, a bill, entitled "An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes ;" to which bills, respectively, they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the seventeenth instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of Government, during the year one thousand eight hundred and nine."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion was made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the bill to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes, and the amendments thereto, be postponed until to-morrow :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 38,
 { Nays 72.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
James Fisk,
Peterson Goodwyn,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Richard M. Johnson,

Thomas Kenan,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Benjamin Say,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, jr.
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
John Davenport, jr.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,

Daniel Hsley,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,

John Russell,
James Sloan,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,

Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson.

The House resumed the consideration of the said bill : Whereupon,

A motion made by Mr. Bibb, which was depending yesterday at the time of adjournment, farther to amend the bill by striking out the twelfth section thereof, being revived, the said section was again read at the Clerk's table, in the words following, to wit :

"*Sec. 12. And be it further enacted*, That so much of the act 'laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States' and of the several acts supplementary thereto, as forbids the departure of vessels owned by citizens of the United States, and the exportation of domestic and foreign merchandise to any foreign port or place, other than Great Britain or France, or their colonies, or dependencies, or places in the actual possession of either, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, after the fourth day of March : *Provided*, that all penalties and forfeitures which shall have been previously incurred by virtue of so much of the said acts as is repealed by this act ; or which have been, or may hereafter be, incurred by virtue of the said acts, on account of any infraction of so much of the said acts, as is not repealed by this act ; shall be recovered and distributed in like manner as if the said acts had continued in full force and virtue."

And after debate thereon,

The question was taken that the House do agree to the said proposed amendment.

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 39,
 { Nays 84.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Mesback Franklin,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,

Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Rea, of Pennsylvania,
Benjamin Say,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, jun.

Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,

John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 Thomas Moore,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,

Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rhea, of Tennessee,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson.

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, further to amend the said bill, by striking out, in the first line of the twelfth section thereof, the words "*so much of,*" being again renewed :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 47,
 { Nays 75.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 Joseph Barker,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Orchard Cook,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 John Harris,

William Hoge,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell

James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,

Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,

William M'Creery,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Scaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson.

A motion was made by Mr. Gholson, and seconded, further to amend the said bill, by striking out in the ninth line of the twelfth section, the words "fourth day of March," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words, "first day of June."

An adjournment was then called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1809.

Ordered, That Mr. Daniel Montgomery, junior, have leave to be absent from the service of this House, from Friday next, for the remainder of the session.

On a motion made by Mr. Holmes, and seconded, that an engrossed bill concerning invalid pensioners, which was read the third time yesterday, and ordered to lie on the table, be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the said bill be made the order of the day for this day.

Mr. Burwell presented a petition of E. Hempstead, and others, whose names are thereunto subscribed, a committee appointed by, and on behalf of the inhabitants of the town of St. Louis, in the Territory of Louisiana, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the laws of Congress relative to the adjustment of titles to land within the said Territory, may be revised and amended.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee on the Public Lands.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend the charter of Georgetown,'" was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States," was read the first time

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

Mr. Randolph, from the committee appointed, the third instant, "to inquire whether any advances of money have been made to the commander in chief of the army, by the Department of War, contrary to law, and, if any, to what amount," presented to the House sundry detailed statements, with copies of other documents respecting the said advances of money ; which were read : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, that five thousand copies of the said statements and documents be printed for the use of the members :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That three hundred copies thereof be printed for the purpose herein before expressed.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act freeing from postage all letters and packets to Thomas Jefferson ;" also, a bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend the charter of Georgetown ;' to which bills, respectively, they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act freeing from postage all letters and packets to Thomas Jefferson," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time : Whereupon,

A motion being made, and the question put, that the said bill be *now* read the third time,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with two statements of the importations in American and foreign vessels from the first of October, one thousand eight hundred and six, to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and seven, inclusive, prepared in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the twenty-ninth of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act for the relief of certain Alabama Indians," together with the amendment agreed to yesterday, was read the third time :

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act for the relief of certain Alabama and Wyandot Indians."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith, and desire their concurrence in the amendment.

On motion by Mr. Love, and seconded,

Ordered, That the bill to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes, as amended by the Committee of the Whole House, do lie on the table.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

A motion was then made by Mr. Dawson, and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from farther proceeding therein, and that the bill be taken up for consideration in the House :

And the question being but thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1809.

A motion was made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That an order of this House of the eighteenth instant, directing "that, until the end of the present session, the daily hour of meeting shall be ten o'clock, and should a quorum not appear, the names of the members shall be called, and those present noted in the journal of each day," be rescinded :

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Ordered, That Mr. Hoge have leave to be absent from the service of this House from Wednesday next, for the remainder of the session.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act for the disposal of certain tracts of land in the Mississippi Territory, claimed under Spanish grants reported by the Land Commissioners as antedated, and for other purposes:" Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the first, second, and third amendments.

Resolved, That this House doth also agree to the fourth and last amendments of the Senate to the said bill; and that the title be, "An act for the disposal of certain tracts of land in the Mississippi Territory, claimed under Spanish grants reported by the Land Commissioners as antedated, and to confirm the claims of Abraham Ellis and Daniel Harregal."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Bacon presented to the House certain depositions in relation to a machine invented by Amos Whittemore and William Whittemore, jun. of the State of Massachusetts, for manufacturing cotton and wool cards within the United States; which were received, and ordered to be referred to the committee appointed, the second instant, on a petition of the said Amos Whittemore and William Whittemore, jun.; that they do examine the matter thereof, and report the same, with their opinion thereupon, to the House.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow presented a petition of Jacob Cozac, of Green county, in the State of Ohio, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that the petitioner may be allowed to purchase one quarter of a certain reserved section of land in the said State, at two dollars an acre, in lieu of another tract of land, of the title to which he hath been deprived in consequence of a prior claim thereto.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on an engrossed bill concerning invalid pensioners; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Trigg reported that the

committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House then proceeded to consider the said bill : Whereupon,

The amendment reported thereto from the Committee of the Whole House, to strike out the fourth section in the words following, to wit :

"Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That every person who has been or shall be admitted to a pension under the provisions of the aforesaid act of the tenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, shall be entitled to receive a sum equal to the aggregate amount of such pension calculated from the time when the disability, in consequence of which it was granted, was incurred, to the time of his admission on the pension list," being twice read at the Clerk's table :

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said amendment,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 48,
 { Nays 50.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, jun.
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
William Butler,
John Davenport, jun.
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,

Daniel Montgomery, jr.
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Joseph Calhoun,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Josiah Deane,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
William Hoge,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard Jackson,

Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Samuel Riker,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
William Stedman,

Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,

Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Marmaduke Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

The said bill was then read the third time : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Holland, and seconded, that the bill be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Resolved, That the said bill be the order of the day for to-morrow.

The House, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made a farther progress therein.

Resolved, That this House will, to-morrow, again resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the said bill.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 1809.

On a motion made by Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, and seconded, that the House do *now* proceed to consider a resolution proposed by him yesterday, and ordered to lie on the table, in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That an order of this House of the eighteenth instant, directing "that, until the end of the present session, the daily hour of meeting shall be ten o'clock ; and should a quorum not appear, the names of the members shall be called, and those present noted in the journal of each day," be rescinded :

The question was taken thereupon,

And passed in the negative.

Mr. Jedediah K. Smith presented a petition of Joshua Lovejoy, of Sandborton, in the State of New Hampshire, praying, for the reasons therein set forth, that he may be placed on the list of pensioners as a lieutenant in Colonel Enoch Poor's regiment, in the New Hampshire line of the Revolutionary army, and receive the allowance granted by law to officers of that grade, who have been wounded or disabled in the service of their country.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Secretary of War, with instruction to examine the same, and report his opinion thereupon to the House.

Mr. Samuel Smith presented a petition of sundry inhabitants of the State of Ohio, residing at and near Sandusky and the river Huron, on the Southern shore of Lake Erie, whose names are thereunto subscribed, praying that a new port of entry may be established at such place on or near the river Huron aforesaid, as to the wisdom of Congress shall seem meet.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The order of the day being called for, that the House do *now* resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes ;" Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the said bill do lie on the table :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The House then, according to the order of the day, again resolved itself into the said committee ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, again had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill and amendments : Whereupon,

The first amendment, to insert after the word "President," in the first line of the

eleventh section of the engrossed bill, the words "of the United States," being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The second amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to strike out, in the fifth and sixth lines of the said eleventh section of the bill, the following words: "and to cause to be issued, under suitable pledges and precautions, letters of marque and reprisal against the nation thereafter continuing in force its unlawful edicts against the commerce of the United States," being twice read at the Clerk's table:

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said second amendment,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 74,
 { Nays 33.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
William Butler,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
John Harris,
William Helms,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard Jackson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loc Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,

Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
James Sloan,
Jedekiah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
James Fisk,
Isaiah L. Green,

James Holland,
David Holmes,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Love,
William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,

John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,

John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 John Taylor,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

A motion was then made by Mr. Gholson, and seconded, farther to amend the bill at the Clerk's table, by striking out, in the third and fourth lines of the twelfth section of the engrossed bill, the words, "fourth day of March," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words, "twentieth day of May:" Whereupon,

The said proposed amendment was superseded by a motion made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, farther to amend the bill, by striking out the whole of the said twelfth section, in the words following, to wit:

"Sec. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and of the several acts supplementary thereto, as forbids the departure of vessels owned by citizens of the United States, and the exportation of domestic and foreign merchandise to any foreign port or place, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, after the fourth day of March next, except so far as they relate to Great Britain or France, or their colonies or dependencies, or places in the actual possession of either: *Provided*, That all penalties and forfeitures, which shall have been previously incurred by virtue of so much of the said acts as is repealed by this act, or which have been, or may hereafter be, incurred by virtue of the said acts, on account of any infraction of so much of the said acts as is not repealed by this act, shall be recovered and distributed in like manner as if the said acts had continued in full force and virtue."

And on the question that the House do agree to Mr. Macon's proposition of amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 33,
 { Nays 82.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

David Bard,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 Matthew Clay,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 Meshack Franklin,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Thomas Kenan,

Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 John Montgomery,
 Thomas Newbold,
 John Porter,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Benjamin Say,
 John Smilie,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Taylor,
 George M. Troup,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Robert Whitehill,
 David R. Williams,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 Joseph Barker,
 John Blake, junior,
 Adam Boyd,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Orchard Cook,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,

Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,

Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hslev,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Walter Jones,
 James Kelly,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creery,
 William Milnor,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,

John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 James Sloan,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Wilson.

The question then recurring on the amendment proposed by Mr. Gholson to the said twelfth section, as herein before recited,

A division of the question on the same, was called for by Mr. Durell, and seconded : Whereupon,

The question being taken on the first member of the proposed amendment, for striking out the words, "fourth day of March,"

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 47,
 { Nays 66.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Willis Alston, junior,
 David Bard,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calloun,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 John W. Eppe,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, junior,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Thomas Kenan,

William Kirkpatrick,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 John Montgomery,
 Thomas Moore,
 John Morrow,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Benjamin Say,
 John Smilie,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Taylor,
 George M. Troup,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, junior,
Adam Boyd,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,

Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
James Sloan,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Hegry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Nathan Wilson.

And so the question on the second member of the said proposed amendment was lost.

A motion was then made by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, farther to amend the bill, by striking out, after the words, "And be it further enacted," in the first line of the eleventh section, as amended by the House, the following words: "That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized, in case either France or Great Britain shall so revoke or modify her edicts, as that they shall cease to violate the neutral commerce of the United States, to declare the same by proclamation after which the trade of the United States suspended by this act, and by the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, may be renewed with the nation so doing:" and, inserting in lieu thereof, the words following, to wit:

"That in case either Great Britain or France shall revoke her edicts alleged to have been made in retaliation of the edicts of the other Powers, and violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States, the operation of this act, and also of the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, shall cease in relation to the nation so revoking, at the expiration of twenty days, to be computed from the date of the notice of such revocation to be given by proclamation of the President of the United States; and letters of marque and reprisal shall, at the same time, be issued against the nation which shall continue in force its unlawful edicts, violating the lawful commerce and neutral rights of the United States;" which proposed amendment being received, and under debate,

An adjournment was called for: On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25. 1809.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act freeing from postage all letters and packets to Thomas Jefferson," and had found the same to be truly enrolled. Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Newton,

Ordered, That the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the seventeenth ultimo, a petition of Edmund Briggs, of the county of Bristol, in the State of Massachusetts, presented on the seventh of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be discharged from the consideration thereof; and that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his said petition, with the documents accompanying the same.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Daniel Cotton," without amendment. The Senate have also agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of certain Alabama Indians." And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded, that the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes," together with the amendments agreed and proposed thereto, do lie on the table :

The question was taken thereupon,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The House then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments, and making appropriations for the support of the Military establishment and of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill and amendments : Whereupon,

The fifteenth amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to insert in the thirty-eighth line of the sixth section, after the words, "heretofore appropriated for that purpose," the following words, "one million of dollars," being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House : Yeas 61, nays 45.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jr.
John Boyle,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Cluttenden,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
Francis Gardner,
John Harris,
William Helms,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,

Daniel Hiles,
John G. Jackson,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Josiah Masters,
William McCrery,
William Minor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Josiah Quincy,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,

John Smilie,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,

James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Isaac Wilbour,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Culpeper,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, junior,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,

Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Edward Lloyd,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
John Porter,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson.

The other amendments reported from the Committee of the Whole House to the said bill, being twice read, were, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Blount, and seconded, farther to amend the bill, by striking out, in the thirty-seventh and thirty-eighth lines of the sixth section, the words, "in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated for that purpose :"

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 49,
 { Nays 62.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Culpeper,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,

Thomas Gholson jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Edward Lloyd,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
John Porter,
John Randolph,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,

Matthias Richards,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,

Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
John Blake, jun.
John Boyle,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
Francis Gardner,
John Harris,
Williams Helms,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creeery,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,

Nicholas R. Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Josiah Quincy,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

No other amendment being offered thereto, it was

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and read the third time on Monday next.

A message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes," as amended by the House, on the twenty fourth instant : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, further to amend the said bill, by inserting after the eighteenth section, new sections, as the nineteenth, twentieth, twenty-first, and twenty-second sections, in the words following, to wit :

"Sec. 19. *And be it further enacted*, That, after demand made, and refusal on the part of his Britannic Majesty to withdraw his decrees and orders infringing the lawful commerce of the United States, the President of the United States shall be authorized to employ such a portion of the volunteer militia of the United States, not exceeding ——— thousand, and of the regular troops as may be necessary, to take possession of the Territories of his Britannic Majesty bordering on the United States, and to hold the same ; and to instruct the commanders of the public armed vessels which are or shall be employed in the service of the United States, to subdue, seize, and take, any armed or unarmed British vessel on the high seas, or elsewhere ; and such captured vessel, with her apparel, guns, and appurtenances, and the goods or effects which shall be found on board the same, being British property, shall be brought within some port of the United States, and shall be duly proceeded against, and condemned as for-

feited, and shall accrue and be distributed as by law is or shall be provided respecting the captures which shall be made by the public armed vessels of the United States.

"Sec. 20. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized and required, after demand and refusal, to grant to the owners of private armed vessels of the United States, who shall make application therefor, special commissions in the form which he shall direct, and under the seal of the United States; and such private armed vessels, when duly commissioned, as aforesaid, shall have the same license and authority for the subduing, seizing, and capturing, any armed or unarmed British vessel, and for the recapture of the vessels, goods, and effects, of the People of the United States, as the public armed vessels of the United States may by law have; and shall be, in like manner, subject to such instructions as shall be ordered by the President of the United States for the regulation of their conduct. And the commissions which shall be granted, as aforesaid, shall be revoked at the pleasure of the President of the United States.

"Sec. 21. *And be it further enacted*, That, after demand made and refusal on the part of the Emperor of France to withdraw his decrees and orders, infringing the lawful commerce of the United States, the President of the United States shall be authorized and required to instruct the commanders of the public armed vessels which are or shall be employed in the service of the United States, to subdue, seize, and take, any armed or unarmed French vessel, on the high seas or elsewhere; and such captured vessel, with her apparel, guns, and appurtenances, and the goods or effects which shall be found on board the same, being French property, shall be brought within some port of the United States, and shall be proceeded against and condemned as forfeited, and shall accrue and be distributed as by law is or shall be provided respecting the captures which shall be made by the public armed vessels of the United States.

"Sec. 22. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized and required, after demand and refusal, as aforesaid, to grant to the owners of private armed ships and vessels of the United States, who shall make application therefor, special commissions in the form which he shall direct, and under the seal of the United States; and such private armed vessels, when duly commissioned, as aforesaid, shall have the same license and authority for subduing, seizing, and capturing, any armed or unarmed French vessel, and for the recapture of the vessels, goods, and effects, of the People of the United States, as the public armed vessels of the United States may, by law, have; and shall be, in like manner, subject to such instructions as shall be ordered by the President of the United States for the regulation of their conduct. And the commissions which shall be granted, as aforesaid, shall be revokable at the pleasure of the President of United States."

And the said proposed amendment being read at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, that the further consideration of the said bill, with the amendments, be postponed until Monday next:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, the House being equally divided, to wit: Yeas 60, nays 60.

And Mr. Speaker declaring himself with the nays.

The yeas and nays, as demanded by one-fifth of the members present, are as follows:

YEAS.

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,

John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
Jereimiah Morrow,

John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Benjamin Say,

Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

NAYS.

Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, jun.
Adam Boyd,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
James Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,

Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
James L. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
David R. Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

And on the question that the House do agree to the said amendment to the amendment,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the proposed amendment, as herein before recited, be postponed until Monday next :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was made by David R. Williams, and seconded, to amend so much of the amendment proposed by Mr. John G. Jackson, as is contained in the first section, by striking out the words, "*after demand made, and refusal on the part of his Britannic Majesty to withdraw his decrees and orders infringing the lawful commerce of the United States,*" and inserting, in lieu thereof, after the word "be," the following words : "and he hereby is :". Whereupon,

A division of the question on the same was called for by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, Whereupon,

The first member of the said proposed amendment, to strike out the words herein before recited, being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House : Yeas 56, nays 67.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, jun.
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Francis Gardner,
John Harris,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loc Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,

William McCreery,
William M Inor,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Samuel Shaw,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,

John Love,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

And so the question on the second member of the said amendment to the amendment was lost.

A motion was made by Mr. Burwell, and seconded, that the said bill, with the amendments, do lie on the table :

And the question being put thereupon,

There appeared, { Yeas 64,
 { Nays 63.

And Mr. Speaker declaring himself with the nays, the House was equally divided, and the question lost.

The yeas and nays, as demanded by one-fifth of the members present, are as follow :

YEAS.

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,

William Kirkpatrick,
John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

NAYS.

Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, jun.
Adam Boyd,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Elv,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
John Harris,

John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loë Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,

Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 James Sloan,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,

Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Nathan Wilson,
 Joseph B. Varnum, *Speaker*.

A motion was made by Mr. George W. Campbell, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 57,
 { Nays 70.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 David Bard,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 George W. Campbell,
 Matthew Clay,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Thomas Kenan,

William Kirkpatrick,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 John Taylor,
 George M. Troup,
 Robert Whitehill,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Willis Alston, junior,
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 Joseph Barker,
 John Blake, junior,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Orchard Cook,
 John Culpeper,

Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 James Fisk,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 John Harris,
 John Heister.

William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M^cCreery,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,

Lemuel Sawyer,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Nathan Wilson.

A motion was made by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded, to amend so much of the said amendment proposed by Mr. John G. Jackson, as is contained in the first section, by striking out the words, "to withdraw his orders and decrees infringing the lawful commerce of;" and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "adjust the disputes with the."

And on the question that the House do agree to the said proposed amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 25,
 { Nays 95.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 Matthew Clay,
 Richard Cutts,
 Josiah Deane,
 James Fisk,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 John Montgomery,
 Thomas Moore,

Thomas Newbold,
 John Porter,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 John Blake, jun.
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,

Orchard Cook,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 John Dawson,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,

James M. Garnett,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Husley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loc Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creery,
 William Milnor,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newton,

Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Benjamin Say,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Nathan Wilson.

A motion was then made by Mr. John Montgomery, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 50,
 { Nays 70.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,

James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,

Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smith,
John Taylor,

George M. Troup,
Robert Whitehill,
David R. Williams,
Marmaduke Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, jun.
Adam Boyd,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
James Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,

Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Lemuel Sawyer,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Isaac Wilbour,
Nathan Wilson.

So much of the said amendment proposed by Mr. John G. Jackson, as is contained in the first section thereof, being modified by the mover, by inserting, after the words, "President of the United States shall be authorized," the words, "and required :"

And on the question that the House do agree to the said proposed section, as so modified,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 48,
Nays 74.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Richard Cutts.

John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Peterson Goodwyn,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,

John Love,
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rca, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,

Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams;
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, junior,
Adam Boyd,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,

Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russel,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson.

The question was then stated from the chair, that the House do agree to the second section contained in the amendment of Mr. John G. Jackson, to be inserted as the twentieth section of the bill: Whereupon,

Mr. Jackson withdrew from the table so much of the said amendment as is contained in the second, third, and fourth sections thereof, proposed to be the twentieth, twenty-first, and twenty-second, of the bill.

A motion was made by Mr. Blount, and seconded, farther to amend the bill, by inserting a new section next after the eighteenth section, as the nineteenth section of the bill, in the words following, to wit:

"*And be it further enacted*, That, if any vessel rightfully bearing the flag of the United States, regularly cleared out according to law, and owned by a citizen or citizens of the United States, shall, upon the high seas engaged in a lawful commerce, be captured under authority of Great Britain or France, in a manner not warranted by the acknowledged laws of nations, such capture shall be considered an unequivocal act of war

against the United States, and the President of the United States upon the receipt of satisfactory proof of that fact, shall cause letters of marque and reprisal to be forthwith issued against the nation or nations by virtue of whose orders, edicts, or decrees, such capture shall have been committed, subject to the restrictions and conditions which were contained in the act passed upon the ninth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, entitled 'An act further to protect the commerce of the United States.'

And on the question that the House do agree to the said proposed amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 49,
 { Nays 73.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Isaiah L. Green,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Love,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,

Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Jesse Wharton,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
Adam Boyd,
William A. Burwell,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
Barent Gardener,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,

John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,

Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,

Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Renssalaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
David R. Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

A motion was then made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, farther to amend the bill, by striking out, in the eleventh section, after the words "United States," the following words: "he, and he hereby is, authorized, in case either France or Great Britain shall so revoke or modify her edicts, as that they shall cease to violate the neutral commerce of the United States, to declare the same by proclamation; after which the trade of the United States, suspended by this act, and by the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, may be renewed, with the nation so doing, and to cause to be issued under suitable pledges and precautions, letters of marque and reprisal against the nation thereafter continuing in force its unlawful edicts against the commerce of the United States: *Provided*, That all penalties and forfeitures which shall have been previously incurred by virtue of this, or of any other act, the operation of which shall so cease and determine, shall be recovered and distributed in like manner, as if the same had continued in full force and virtue; and vessels bound thereafter to any foreign port or place with which commercial intercourse shall by virtue of this section be again permitted, shall give bond to the United States, with approved security, in double the value of the vessel and cargo, that they shall not proceed to any foreign port, nor trade with any country other than those with which commercial intercourse shall have been or may be permitted by this act."

And the question being put thereupon,
It passed in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, to amend the eleventh section of the bill, by striking out, in the second line thereof, the words, "so revoke or modify her edicts as that they shall cease to violate;" and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words, "modifying her edicts which violate."

And on the question that the House do agree to the said proposed amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 31,
 { Nays 91.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Burwell Bassett,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Richard Cutts,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Isaiah L. Green,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
John Love,

Nathaniel Macon,
John Montgomery,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
Robert Whitehill,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Ezekiel Bacon,

William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,

John Blake, jun.
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 Orchard Cook,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, junior,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 William Findley,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilsey,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, junior,
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creery,

William Milnor,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Muscley,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Pugh,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Lemuel Sawyer,
 Benjamin Say,
 James Sloan,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson.

A motion was made by Mr. Eppes, and seconded, farther to amend the bill, by striking out, in the fourth and fifth lines of the seventeenth section of the engrossed bill, the words, "so much of the said acts as is repealed by this act, or which have been, or may hereafter be, incurred by virtue of the said acts, on account of any infraction of so much of the said acts as is not repealed by this act;" and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words, "the said acts repealed by this act:"

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas ... 50,
 { Nays ... 70.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 David Bard,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William Blackledge,
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,

William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,

John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,

John Morrow,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Porter,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Matthias Richards,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 John Taylor,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 Joseph Barker,
 William W. Bibb,
 John Blake, jun.
 Adam Boyd,
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Matthew Clay,
 Orchard Cook,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 James Fisk,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loc Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Nathaniel Macon,

Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creech,
 William Milnor,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Russell,
 James Sloan,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Nathan Wilson.

A motion was made by Mr. Bibb, and seconded, farther to amend the bill by striking out next after the words, "repealed after the," in the third line of the twelfth section of the engrossed bill, the word "fourth," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the word "fifteenth?" Whereupon,

A division of the question on the said proposed amendment was called for by Mr. Gardner, and seconded:

And on the question that the House do agree to the first member thereof, for striking out the word "fourth," as herein before recited,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 59,
 { Nays 56.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 David Bard,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 Thomas Blount,
 John Boyle,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 Matthew Clay,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard Jackson,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Thomas Kenan,
 William Kirkpatrick,

John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Scaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 John Smilie,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Richard Stanford,
 John Taylor,
 George M. Troup,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 David R. Williams,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 John Blake, junior,
 Adam Boyd,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Orchard Cook,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Daniel M. Durcell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 Daniel Hsley,
 Robert Jenkins,
 James Kelly,
 Philip B. Key,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Matthew Lyon,

Josiah Masters,
 William McCreery,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Josiah Quincy,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 James Sloan,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Kilian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Nathan Wilson.

On the question that the House do agree to the second member of the said amendment, to insert the word "fifteenth," in lieu of the word "*fourth*," so stricken out,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 86,
 { Nays 30.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
 Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
 Willis Alston, jun.
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 David Bard,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Josiah Deane,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 William Helms,
 William Hoge,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Daniel Hsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Thomas Kenan,

Philip B. Key,
 John Lambert,
 Edward Lloyd,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhca, of *Tennessee*,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Rowan,
 John Russell,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Joseph Barker,
 Thomas Blount,
 Orchard Cook,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Dawson,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 John Heister,
 James Holland,
 James Kelly,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.

Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creery,
 William Milnor,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Josiah Quincy,
 Benjamin Say,
 James Sloan,
 William Stedman,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,

Jabez Upham,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,

Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams,
Richard Winn.

A motion being then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, farther to amend the said twelfth section of the bill, by striking out immediately after the word "March," in the fourth line, the word "next," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words "one thousand eight hundred and nine."

The said proposition of amendment was superseded by a motion made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, further to amend the said twelfth section, by striking out in the third and fourth lines thereof, as amended by the House, the words, "fifteenth day of March," and inserting, in lieu thereof, the words, "first day of September :"

And on the question that the House do agree to the amendment proposed by Mr. Macon,

It passed in the negative.

The question then recurred on the amendment moved by Mr. Randolph :

And the question being taken that the House do agree to the same,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

A motion was made by Mr. Wharton, and seconded, further to amend the bill, by striking out in the second and third lines of the nineteenth section, the following words, "and that the act laying an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the several acts supplementary thereto, shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed, from and after the end of the next session of Congress :"

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was then made by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, further to amend the bill, by striking out, in the first line of the said nineteenth section, the words, "end of the next session of Congress :"

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The said bill being further amended at the Clerk's table, it was

Ordered, That the amendments agreed to be engrossed, and, together with the bill, be read the third time on Monday next.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until Monday next.

And then the House adjourned until Monday morning ten o'clock.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1809.

On motion of Mr. McCreery, and seconded,

Resolved, That a committee be appointed to inquire into the expediency of prohibiting, by law, for a limited time, the exportation of arms, ammunition, canvass, and cordage ; and that they have leave to report by bill, or otherwise.

Ordered, That Mr. McCreery, Mr. Quincy, and Mr. Mumford, be appointed a committee, pursuant to the said resolution.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Jedediah K. Smith, from the committee appointed the second instant, presented, according to order, a bill to extend to Amos Whittemore and William Whittemore, jun., the patent right to a machine for manufacturing cotton and wool cards ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time : Whereupon,

The House proceeded to the consideration thereof ; and the blank therein being filled up at the Clerk's table, with the word "fourteen," it was

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Rhea, of Tennessee, from the Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads, presented, according to order, a bill to alter and establish certain post roads ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Jeremiah Morrow, from the Committee on the Public Lands, to whom were referred, on the tenth of December last, and the third instant, the petitions of Job Shel-

don, of the State of Rhode Island, and of William Erwin and Richard Long, of the State of New Jersey, made a report thereon; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their several petitions.

Mr. McCreery, from the committee appointed this day, presented, according to order, a bill prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms, ammunition, canvass, cordage, and hemp, and for encouraging the importation thereof ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, to whom were referred, on the ninth ultimo, a petition of Beniot Schweighauser, by John Mason, his attorney, and sundry documents accompanying the same, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the proper accounting officers of the Treasury to settle the account of the legal representatives of John Daniel Schweighauser ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

On a motion made by Mr. Blount, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the committee to whom was referred so much of the message of the President as relates to the military and naval establishments, be instructed to inquire into the expediency of increasing the bounty now allowed by law to recruits in the military service :

The question was taken that the House do agree to the said proposed resolution,

And passed in the negative.

The message, in writing, received on Saturday last from the President of the United States, was read, as followeth :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States:

I now lay before Congress a statement of the militia of the United States, according to the latest returns received by the Department of War.

TH. JEFFERSON.

FEBRUARY 25, 1809.

The said message was read, and, together with the return transmitted therewith, ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Nelson presented a memorial of sundry inhabitants of Frederick county, in the State of Maryland, whose names are thereunto subscribed, stating their disapprobation of the edicts and decrees issued against the commercial intercourse and neutral rights of the United States by certain belligerent Powers ; and pledging themselves to support, with their lives, fortunes, and sacred honor, all such measures as the wisdom of Congress may adopt for the safety and prosperity of the Union.

The said memorial was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with his report on the petition of Daniel Jennings, collector of the internal revenue of the United States in the District of Ohio, referred to him by order of the House, on the fourteenth of April last ; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting an abstract of the emoluments of the officers of the customs, from the first of January to the thirtieth of September, one thousand eight hundred and eight, inclusive, prepared in pursuance of a resolution of this House of the twenty-fifth of April, in the same year ; which were read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures.

The Speaker presented to the House a memorial and remonstrance of the Legislature of the State of Massachusetts, expressive of their disapprobation of the several acts of Congress laying and enforcing an embargo on all ships and vessels in the ports and harbors of the United States, and the opinions and views of that Legislature of the system of policy pursued by the present Administration of the Federal Government ; also stating that it appears to them from certain official documents published by order of Congress, a disposition has been evinced on the part of Great Britain to cultivate a good understanding with the United States of America, whilst the representations and

James M. Garnett,
 Thomas Gholson, jr.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Harris,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Isley,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 Thomas Kenan,
 Philip B. Key,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward Lloyd,
 John Love,
 Matthew Lyon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creery,
 John Montgomery,
 Nicholas R. Moore,
 Thomas Moore,
 John Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newton,

Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Pugh,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Eiker,
 John Russell,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Clement Storer,
 Peter Swart,
 John Thompson,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Marmaduke Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

David Bard,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,
 William Blackledge,
 Thomas Blount,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, junior,
 John Dawson,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 William Hoge,
 Richard Jackson,
 James Kelly,

William Kirkpatrick,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Thomas Newbold,
 John Porter,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rowan,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Robert Whitehill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee of three members on their part, who, with three members of the House of Representatives, to be appointed a committee on the part of this House, shall have the application of the money appropriated by the "Act making a further appropriation for the support of a Library," passed the twenty-first of February, one thousand eight hundred and six ; to which they desire the concurrence of his House. And then he withdrew.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.
 The House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1809.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Newton, from the Committee of Commerce and Manufactures, to whom was referred, on the sixteenth of November last, a petition of the President and Directors of the Maine Bank, at Portland, in the District of Maine, presented, according to order, a bill to authorize the Collector of Baltimore, on certain conditions, to register anew the ship Thomas ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Blackledge, and seconded, that the House do now adjourn :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 2,
 { Nays 85.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Matthew Lyon,

Nathaniel Macon.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
John Campbell,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, junior,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Daniel Ilsley,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford.

Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Benjamin Say,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

The House then proceeded to consider the bill to authorize the Collector of Baltimore, on certain conditions, to register anew the ship *Thomas* : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Holland, and seconded, that the farther consideration thereof be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

On motion of Mr. Holland, and seconded,

Ordered, That the said bill be committed to a Committee of the Whole House to-morrow.

Mr. Wharton presented a petition of Samuel Doak, praying to be placed on the pension list, for the reasons therein set forth.

The said petition was read, and ordered to be referred to the Committee of the Whole House to whom was recommended, on the twenty-second instant, an engrossed bill concerning invalid pensioners.

Mr. Jedediah K. Smith, from the committee, to whom were referred, on the second and tenth of December last, the petitions of Samuel Morey, of the State of New Hampshire, and of James Macomb, of the State of New York, made a report thereon ; which was read and considered : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth concur with the committee in their recommendation that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petitions.

An engrossed bill to extend to Amos Whittemore and William Whittemore, junior, the patent right to a machine for manufacturing cotton and wool cards, was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act to extend to Amos Whittemore and William Whittemore, junior, the patent right to a machine for manufacturing cotton and wool cards."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution received from the Senate, on the twenty-seventh instant, for the appointment of a Joint Committee of the two Houses, for the purpose expressed in an act passed the twenty-first of February, one thousand eight hundred and six, entitled "An act making a further appropriation for the support of a Library : " Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said resolution ; and that Mr. Nicholas, Mr. Dana, and Mr. Say, be appointed a committee on the part of this House, pursuant thereto.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on an engrossed bill concerning invalid pensioners ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two additional amendments thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table.

The House proceeded to consider the said bill and amendments at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

The first amendment, to strike out the third section of the bill, in the words following, to wit :

Sec. 3. "*And be it further enacted*, That any officer who has not received any commutation of half pay, non-commissioned officer, soldier or seaman, who, by being exposed to inclement weather, fatigue, hardship, or accident, in the actual service of the United States, during the Revolutionary War, became disabled, and was discharged, for such disability, from the army ; or who at the close of the war was in a disabled state, from any of the causes aforesaid, whether such officer, non-commissioned officer, soldier, marine, or seaman, served as a volunteer in any proper service against the common enemy, or belonged to a detachment of militia, or the regular forces of the United States, or any particular State, he shall, upon establishing the fact of his having received such disability in the service aforesaid, either by the testimony on oath of the commanding officer of the regiment, corps, company, ship, vessel, or craft, in which such claimant served, or by the oath of two creditable witnesses, or other satisfactory testimony, be placed on the pension list of the United States : *Provided*, That the same proceedings, rules, and regulations, shall be had and observed in respect to applications under this law, as are prescribed by the act, entitled 'An act to provide for persons who were disabled by known wounds received in the Revolutionary war,' passed the tenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six," being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

The second amendment reported from the Committee of the Whole House, to strike out the fourth section of the bill, in the words following, to wit:

"Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That every person who has been, or shall be admitted to a pension under the provisions of the aforesaid act of the tenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and six, shall be entitled to receive a sum equal to the aggregate amount of such pension, calculated from the time when the disability (in consequence of which it was granted) was incurred, to the time of his admission on the pension list," being twice read at the Clerk's table;

The question was taken that the House do concur with the Committee of the Whole House in their agreement to the said second amendment,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 53,
 { Nays 32.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
John Blake, jr.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Isley,
Thomas Kenan,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,

Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seiver,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith.
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

William Blackledge,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
John Davenport, jr.
John Dawson,
Francis Gardner,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
James Kelly,
John Lambert,

Matthew Lyon,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
Dennis Smelt,
Samuel Smith,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Marmaduke Williams.

A motion was then made by Mr. Blackledge, and seconded, further to amend the bill, by inserting a new section, to be the third section of the bill, in the words following, to wit:

"Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That every person who has been placed on the pension list since the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, or shall hereafter be placed thereon, for wounds received, or disability incurred, in the Revolutionary war, shall be entitled to receive a sum equal to the aggregate amount of ten years' allowance of such pension as he was allowed at the time of his being first placed on the pension list."

And on the question that the House do agree to the said proposed amendment,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 52,
 { Nays 59.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

William Blackledge,
Thomas Blount,
Joseph Calloun,
John Campbell,
Matthew Clay,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
William Milnor,
Gurdon S. Mumford,

Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
Dennis Smelt,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
James I. Van Alen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Marmaduke Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
John Blake, jr.
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jr.
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jr.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Daniel Ilsley,
Richard Jackson,

John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Scaver,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
Robert Whitchill,
Isaac Wilbour.

No other amendment being offered thereto, it was

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments agreed to, be again engrossed, and read the third time this day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill prohibiting, for a limited time, the exportation of arms, ammunition, canvass, cordage, and hemp, and for encouraging the importation thereof; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Masters reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment to the same, by striking out the first section; to which they directed him to report to the House their disagreement: Whereupon,

The House proceeded to consider the bill at the Clerk's table; and the first section thereof being twice read, was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

On the question that the bill, with the amendment, be engrossed for a third reading, It passed in the negative.

And so the said bill was rejected.

On a motion made by Mr. Dana, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That it is proper to make provision, by law, to allow merchant vessels of the United States to be armed for defence in voyages to ports of Europe or the West Indies, or Atlantic coast of America, and accordingly to furnish the documentary evidence which may be proper in any such case to manifest the defensive character of the armament allowed, and at the same time by law to require securities for the vessels respectively, that they will not proceed to any port known to be actually blockaded, nor carry articles contraband of war to the dominions of a belligerent Power, nor violate the laws or treaties of the United States, or the rules of public law by them acknowledged, but will observe the instructions which may be given by the President of the United States for preventing all such violations, and that due satisfaction shall be made for all damages and injuries, if any should be committed contrary to the tenor thereof:

The said proposed resolution was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill concerning invalid pensioners was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act concerning invalid pensioners."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1, 1809.

Pursuant to an order of the eighteenth instant, the Clerk proceeded to a call of the House, when sixty-eight members, exclusive of the Speaker, appeared and answered to their names, as follow:

Willis Alston, jr.
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, jr.
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Martin Chittenden,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,

Reuben Humphreys,
James Kelly,
Thomas Kenan,
Joseph Lewis, jr.
Robert Marion,
William M'Creeery,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of Pennsylvania.
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
Lemuel Sawyer,

Benjamin Say,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 John Thompson,

Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Nicholas Van Dyke,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

Several other members having taken their seats immediately after the call, and a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number, being present,

Ordered, That Mr. Macon and Mr. Culpeper have leave to be absent from the service of this House, after this day, and Mr. Randolph, after Thursday next, for the remainder of the session.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act making further provision for the Corps of Engineers," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a committee of the Whole House this day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Willis Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made two amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were twice read, and, on the question severally put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time to-day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act further to amend the Judicial system of the United States;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Willis Alston reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made several amendments thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same were severally twice read, and agreed to by the House.

A motion was then made by Mr. Love, and seconded, further to amend the said bill at the Clerk's table, by adding to the end thereof a new section, as the fourth section of the bill, which being modified and amended on the motion of Mr. Dana, to read as followeth:

"Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the laws of the several States, except where the Constitution, treaties, or statutes, of the United States shall otherwise provide, shall be the rules of proceeding on all judicial process issuing from any of the courts of the United States within such States, respectively."

And the said amendment, as so modified, being read at the Clerk's table,

A motion was made by Mr. Gardenier, and seconded, to amend the same by adding to the end thereof, the following proviso: "*And provided, also*, That the issuing of executions shall not be stayed or suspended in cases where the plaintiff is a citizen of a State in which a law has been passed to stay or suspend the issuing of executions for any specified or contingent period."

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

And then the question being put that the House do agree to the said proposed amendment of Mr. Love, as modified on the motion of Mr. Dana, and herein before recited,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 25,
 { Nays 67.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William Blackledge,

Thomas Blount,
 William A. Burwell,
 William Butler,

Matthew Clay,
Josiah Deane,
John W. Eppes,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, junior,
Peterson Goodwyn,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,
Walter Jones,
Joseph Lewis, junior,

John Love,
John Montgomery,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
John Blake, junior,
John Boyle,
Joseph Calhoun,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Richard Cutts,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
Richard Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
James Kelly,
John Lambert,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,

Thomas Newbold,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Benjamin Say,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Nathan Wilson.

No other amendment being offered to the said bill, it was

Ordered, That the amendments agreed to, be engrossed, and, together with the bill, be read the third time this day.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting the copy of a letter to him from the Comptroller of the Treasury, and a statement of the emoluments of the officers employed in the collection of the customs for the year one thousand eight hundred and eight; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with his report on the petition of William Hawkins, of Portland, in the State of Massachusetts, referred to him by an order of the House, of the twenty-first ultimo; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the twenty-seventh ultimo, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills, to wit:

"An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes;" and

"An act freeing from postage all letters and packets to Thomas Jefferson."

Mr. Van Alen, from the same committee, reported that the committee did, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act for the relief of Daniel Cotton :"

"An act for the disposal of certain tracts of land in the Mississippi Territory, claimed under Spanish grants reported by the Land Commissioners as antedated, and to confirm the claims of Abraham Ellis and Daniel Harregal :"

"An act for the relief of certain Alabama and Wyandot Indians."

Mr. Van Alen, from the same committee, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, on the twenty-seventh ultimo, approve and sign an act, which originated in this House, entitled "An act extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory, and for other purposes." Also, that the President did, yesterday, approve and sign two acts, to wit : "An act for the disposal of certain tracts of land, in the Mississippi Territory, claimed under Spanish grants reported by the Land Commissioners as antedated, and to confirm the claims of Abraham Ellis and Daniel Harregal ;" and "An act for the relief of Daniel Cotton."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act to extend to Amos Whittemore and William Whittemore, junior, the patent right to a machine for manufacturing cotton and wool cards," without amendment. I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the twenty-eighth ultimo, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate : one, entitled "An act freeing from postage all letters and packets to Thomas Jefferson ;" and another, entitled "An act for the relief of certain Alabama and Wyandot Indians." And then he withdrew.

On motion of Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded,

Ordered, That the Committee of the Whole House to whom was committed, on the thirty-first of January last, a bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States," be discharged from proceeding therein ; and that the said bill be taken up for consideration in the House.

The House, accordingly, proceeded to consider the bill at the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

Ordered, That the same be *now* read the third time.

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time ;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act further to amend the Judicial System of the United States," together with the amendments agreed to this day, was read the third time ;

And, on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith, and desire their concurrence in the amendments.

An engrossed bill supplemental to the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of Jacob Barnitz ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto ; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time this day.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act making a further appropriation towards completing the two wings of the Capitol at the city of Washington, and for other purposes;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Bassett reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report the same to the House, without amendment.

Ordered, That the said bill be *now* read the third time.

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time: Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Culpeper, and seconded, that the same be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House:

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The main question was then taken, that the said bill do pass,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 67,
 { Nays 21.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
James Kelly,
Philip B. Key,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,

Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Dennis Smelt,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jr.
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Culpeper,
Francis Gardner,
John Heister,

William Milnor,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
Matthias Richards,
Lemuel Sawyer,
James Sloan,
John Smilie.

Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,

Peter Swart,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act farther to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments ;" to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have agreed to the amendments proposed by this House to the bill, entitled "An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States ;" also, to the amendments of this House to the bill, entitled "An act farther to amend the Judicial System of the United States." And then he withdrew.

An engrossed bill for the relief of Jacob Barnitz was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of Jacob Barnitz."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the making of a turnpike road from Mason's causeway to Alexandria ;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Macon reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and directed him to report to the House, that, in the course of the discussion, the committee found themselves without a quorum, and thereby dissolved.

An adjournment was then called for : On which,

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, MARCH 2. 1809.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined the followed enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act further to amend the judicial system of the United States ;"

"An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States ;"

"An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States ;" and

"An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," was read the first time.

And opposition being made thereto,

A motion was made by Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded, that the said bill be rejected :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Newton presented a petition of Stephen Barras, nephew of the late Count de Barras, now residing in the city of Orleans, stating a claim of the petitioner for services rendered to the United States, on board of a French vessel of war, and at the blockade of York-town, in Virginia, during the Revolutionary war with Great Britain, which he prays may be liquidated and satisfied.

The said petition was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

On a motion made, and leave given by the House, Mr. Holmes, from the Committee of Claims, presented, according to order, a bill for the relief of William Hastings ; which was received, and read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time, and ordered to be committed to a Committee of the Whole House this day.

On motion of Mr. Blackledge,

The House proceeded to take into consideration at the Clerk's table, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the making of a turnpike road from Mason's Causeway to Alexandria." Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Tallmadge, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the said bill be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, that the said bill be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 35,
Nays 57.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Matthew Clay,
John Culpeper,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, junior,
Edwin Gray,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Richard Jackson,
Walter Jones,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Matthew Lyon,

Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Martin Chittenden,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun:
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
Meshack Franklin,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Daniel Ilsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,
Thomas Kenan,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,

John Love,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Ithea, of *Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
Lemuel Sawyer,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
John Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
John Taylor,
Archibald Van Horn,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Nathan Wilson.

A motion was then made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, to amend the bill, by inserting after the word "the," in the twenty-ninth line of the seventh section, the words "county of Alexandria, in the :"

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 34,
 { Nays 60.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
Burwell Bassett,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn,
David Holmes,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William Milnor,

Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Alen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Richard Cutts,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
William Findley,
Meshack Franklin,
Barent Gardenier,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
William Helms,
James Holland,
John G. Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
William Kirkpatrick,

John Lambert,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Roger Nelson,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Samuel Taggart,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Marinaduke Williams,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Sundry other propositions of amendment to the said bill were then moved by Mr. Lewis and Mr. Macon, which being severally twice read, were, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

No other amendment being offered thereto, it was

Ordered, That the said bill be read the third time to-day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners," with an amendment ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. The Senate have passed the bill, entitled "An act supplemental to the act, entitled "An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes," and the bill, entitled "An act for the relief of Jacob Barnitz," without amendment ; also, the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War and Navy Departments, and making appropriations for the support of the military establishment, and of the navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine," with several amendments ; to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act making a further appropriation towards completing the two wings of the Capitol, at the City of Washington, and for other purposes," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of *Mr. Newton*, and seconded,

The House resumed the consideration of the bill to deprive, in certain cases, vessels of their American character, and to prevent, under certain disabilities, any citizen of the United States taking a license from any foreign Power to navigate the ocean, or to trade with any foreign and independent Power, in which some progress was made on the twenty-ninth of December last : Whereupon,

The said bill being amended, on motion of *Mr. John G. Jackson*, by adding a new section thereto, it was

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendments, be engrossed, and read the third time this day.

The House proceeded to consider the amendments proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments, and making appropriations for the support of the military establishment, and of the navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine : " Whereupon,

The first of the said amendments to strike out from the word "assembled," in the second line of the first section, to the word "that," in the first line of the sixth section, being read as contained in the words following, to wit :

"That all warrants drawn by either of the Secretaries of the Treasury, of War, and of the Navy, upon the Treasurer of the United States, shall specify the particular appropriation or appropriations, to which the same should be charged : The moneys paid by virtue of such warrants shall, in conformity therewith, be charged to such appropriation or appropriations, in the books kept in the office of the Comptroller of the Treasury, in the case of warrants drawn by the Secretary of the Treasury ; and, in the books of the Accountants of the War or Navy Department, respectively, in the case of warrants drawn by the Secretary of War, or by the Secretary of the Navy ; and the officers, agents, or other persons, who may be receivers of public moneys, shall render distinct accounts of the application of such moneys, according to the appropriation or appropriations under which the same shall have been drawn ; nor shall any credit be allowed to either of them except for expenses authorized by law, and for the amount appropriated for the same ; *Provided, nevertheless*, That, during the recess of Congress, the President of the United States may, and he is hereby, authorized, on the application of the Secretary of the proper Department, and not otherwise, direct, if in his opinion necessary for the public service, that a portion of the moneys appropriated for a particular branch of expenditure in that Department, be applied to another branch of expenditure in the same Department ; in which case, a special account of the moneys thus transferred, and of their application, shall be laid before Congress during the first week of their next ensuing session.

"*Sec. 2. And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Comptroller of the Treasury, in every case where in his opinion farther delays would be injurious to the United States, and he is hereby authorized to direct the Auditor of the Treasury, and the Accountants of the War and Navy Departments, at any time, forthwith to audit and settle any particular account which the said officers may be respectively authorized to audit and settle, and to report such settlement for his revision and final decision. And the said Comptroller shall also lay an annual statement before Congress, of the accounts in either of the Treasury, War, or Navy Departments, which may have remained more than three years unsettled, or on which balances appear to have been due more than three years, together with a statement of the causes which have prevented

the settlement of the accounts, or the recovery of the balances, due to the United States.

"Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That exclusively of the Purveyor of Public Supplies, Paymasters of the Army, Purser of the Navy, Military Agents, and other officers already authorized by law, no other permanent agents shall be appointed either for the purpose of making contracts, or for the purchase of supplies in any other manner, or for the disbursement of moneys for the use of the military establishment, or of the navy of the United States, but such as shall be appointed by the President of the United States, with the advice and consent of the Senate: *Provided*, That the President may, and he is hereby authorized, in the recess of the Senate, to appoint all or any of such agents, which appointments shall be submitted to the Senate at the next session, for their advice and consent; and the President of the United States is hereby authorized, until otherwise provided by law, to fix the number and compensations of such agents: *Provided, however*, That their number shall not exceed eight in the whole: *And, provided, also*, That the compensation allowed to either shall not exceed one per centum on the public moneys disbursed by him, nor in any instance the compensation allowed by law to the Purveyor of Public Supplies.

"Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That every such agent as may be appointed by virtue of the next preceding section, and every Purser of the Navy, shall give bond, with one or more sufficient sureties, in such sums as the President of the United States may direct, for the faithful discharge of the trust reposed in him, and the Paymaster of the Army, the Military Agents, the Purveyor of Public Supplies, the Pursers of the Navy, and the agents appointed by virtue of the preceding section shall, whenever practicable, keep the public moneys in their hands in some incorporated banks to be designated for that purpose by the President of the United States, and shall make monthly returns in such form as may be prescribed by the Treasury Department, of the moneys received and expended during the preceding month, and of the unexpended balance in their hands.

"Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all purchases and contracts for supplies or services which are or may, according to law, be made by, or under the direction of either the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, or the Secretary of the Navy, shall be made either by open purchase, or by previously advertising for proposals respecting the same, and shall be previously authorized or subsequently approved by the President of the United States: And an annual statement of all such contracts and purchases, and also of the expenditure of the moneys appropriated for the contingent expenses of the military establishment, for the contingent expenses of the navy of the United States, and for the discharge of miscellaneous claims, not otherwise provided for and paid at the Treasury, shall be laid before Congress at the beginning of each year by the Secretary of the proper Department.

"Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*."

The question was taken that the House do agree to the said first amendment of the Senate to the said bill,

And passed in the negative, { Yeas 3,
 { Nays 73.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Josiah Masters,
Wilson C. Nicholas,

Josiah Quincy.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,

Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.

John Rea, of Pennsylvania,
John Rhea, of Tennessee,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
Archibald Van Horn,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson.

The third amendment of the Senate, to strike out in the twenty-third and twenty-fourth lines of the said sixth section of the bill, the words following, to wit: "*For the fortifications of ports and harbors, in addition to the sums appropriated for that purpose, one million of dollars,*" being twice read at the Clerk's table,

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 48,
 { Nays 30.

John Lambert,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
Archibald Van Horn,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
John Blake, jun.
Orchard Cook,
John Dawson,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Francis Gardner,
William Helms,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Matthew Lyon,
Josiah Masters,

William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Rea, *of Tennessee*,
Samuel Riker,
James Sloan,
John Smilie,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
James I. Van Alen,
Daniel C. Verplanck.

The fourth amendment of the Senate, affecting the title of the bill so as to read, "An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment, and of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine," was, on the question put thereupon, disagreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The Speaker laid before the House a letter signed "James Madison," stating, that he proposes to take the oath which the Constitution prescribes to the President of the United States, before he enters on the execution of his office, on Saturday, the fourth instant, at twelve o'clock, in the Representatives' Chamber.

The said letter was read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The several orders of the day were farther postponed until to-morrow.

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning ten o'clock.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1809.

Pursuant to an order of the eighteenth ultimo, the Clerk proceeded to a call of the House, when fifty-six members, exclusive of the Speaker, appeared, and answered to their names, as follow :

Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Edwin Gray,
John Heister,
David Holmes,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,

John Morrow,
Thomas Newton,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Samuel Smith,
Henry Southard,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Thompson,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Several other members having taken their seats immediately after the call, and a quorum, consisting of a majority of the whole number, being present,

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, on the second instant, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act to extend the time for making payment for the public lands of the United States :"

"An act making provision for the further accommodation of the household of the President of the United States;" and

"An act farther to amend the judicial system of the United States."

The Speaker laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting a statement of the balances which are charged on the books of the Treasury for advances made prior to the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eight, prepared in pursuance of a resolution of this House, of the twentieth of April last; which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

The Speaker also laid before the House a letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, accompanied with a letter to him from the Comptroller of the Treasury, and sundry statements marked A, B, and C, prepared in obedience to an act passed the second of April, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, entitled "An act establishing a Mint, and regulating the coin of the United States;" which were read, and ordered to lie on the table.

An engrossed bill to deprive, in certain cases, vessels of their American character, and to prevent, under certain disabilities, any citizen of the United States taking a license from any foreign Power to navigate the Ocean, or to trade with any other foreign and independent Power, was read the third time :

And on the question, that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 73,
 { Nays 16.

Nays 16.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Hsley,
and M. Johnson.

William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William McCreery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,

James I. Van Alen,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,

Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Davenport, jun.
William Ely,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Robert Jenkins,
Joseph Lewis, junior,

William Milnor,
James Sloan,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Jabez Upham,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

Resolved, That the title be, "An act to deprive, in certain cases, vessels of their American character, and to prevent, under certain disabilities, any citizen of the United States taking a license from any foreign Power to navigate the Ocean, or to trade with any other foreign or independent Power."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

The House resumed the consideration of the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the making a turnpike road from Mason's causeway to Alexandria :"

Whereupon,
A motion was made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, that the bill be recommitted to the consideration of a Committee of the Whole House :

And the question being put thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The said bill was then read the third time ;

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria to alter their style and firm, and to insure against loss by fire," being called for,

A motion was made by Mr. Love, and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House be discharged from the farther consideration of the said bill :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the Committee had examined the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act to extend to Amos Whittemore and William Whittemore, junior, the patent right to a machine for manufacturing cotton and wool cards ;"

"An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes,' and

"An act for the relief of Jacob Barnitz;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by the Senate to the bill, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners :"

Whereupon,
Resolved, That this House doth agree to the said amendment.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On a motion made and seconded,

The House proceeded to consider at the Clerk's table, the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria to alter their style and firm, and to insure against loss by fire :"

Whereupon,
The question being taken that the said bill be now read the third time,

It passed in the negative.

The order of the day for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act making further provision for the corps of engineers," being called for ;

A motion was made by Mr. Masters, and seconded, that the said order of the day be postponed indefinitely :

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And the question being taken thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The order of the day, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of religious societies in the District of Columbia," being called for,

A motion was made by Mr. Nelson, and seconded, that the said order of the day be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The order of the day, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing an augmentation of the Marine Corps," being called for,

A motion was made by Mr. Holland, and seconded, that the said order of the day be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

The House, then, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill from the Senate last mentioned ; and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Desha reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same being twice read, was amended on motion of Mr. John G. Jackson ; and on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House as so amended.

A motion was then made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, farther to amend the bill, by striking out the words "one major," in the sixth line thereof;

And on the question that the House do agree to the last proposed amendment,

It passed in the negative.

Ordered, That the amendment agreed to, be engrossed, and, together with the bill, be read the third time this day.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, on the first instant, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act to interdict the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes ;" also, that the President of the United States did, on the second instant, approve and sign two acts, which originated in the Senate : one, entitled "An act further to amend the judicial system of the United States ;" and another, entitled "An act making provision for the farther accommodation of the household of the President of the United States." The Senate insist on their amendments, disagreed to by this House, to the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments ; and making appropriations for the support of the military establishment, and of the navy of the United States for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine." The Senate have passed a bill, entitled "An act providing for the promulgation of certain laws in the Territory of Michigan," to which they desire the concurrence of this House. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Van Allen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act to authorize the making a turn-pike road from Mason's causeway to Alexandria," and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to reconsider the amendments disagreed to by this House, and insisted on by the Senate, to the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments, and making appropriations for the support of the military establishment, and of the navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine." Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, that this House do recede from their disagreement to the said amendments :

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeays..... 37,
 { Nays 55.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present.

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
John Blake, jun.
Adam Boyd,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Richard Cutts,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
John G. Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loë Livermore.
John Love,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Jonathan O. Mosely,

Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Josiah Quincy,
Samuel Shaw,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are.

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
John Dawson,
Joseph Desha,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
Francis Gardner,
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
James Holland,
Benjamin Howard,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
John Lambert,
Matthew Lyon,

Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Porter,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Ebenezer Seaver,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
John Taylor,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams.

On motion of Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded,

Resolved, That this House doth insist on their disagreement to the amendments insisted on by the Senate to the said bill.

Resolved, That a conference be desired with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the said bill; and that Mr. Willis Alston, Mr. Smilie, and Mr. Eppes, be appointed managers at the same, on the part of this House.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing an augmentation of the Marine Corps," together with the amendment agreed to this day, was read the third time:

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas, 54,
 { Nays, 28.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
Adam Boyd,
Martin Chittenden,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
Francis Gardoet,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
David Holmes,
Daniel Hsley,
Robert Jenkins,
James Kelly,
John Lambert,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
John Love,
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,

John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford.
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Josiah Quincy,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
Samuel Shaw,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
James I. Van Alen,
Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
William W. Bibb,
Thomas Blount,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
Daniel M. Durell,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
John Heister,
James Holland,

Walter Jones,
John Porter,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Smilie,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
Abram Trigg,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,
Marmaduke Williams.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, the following enrolled bills, to wit :

"An act for the relief of Jacob Barnitz ;"

"An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes ;'"

"An act making a farther appropriation towards completing the two wings of the Capitol at the city of Washington, and for other purposes ;"

"An act to extend to Amos Whittemore and William Whittemore, junior, the patent right to a machine for manufacturing cotton and wool cards ;" and

"An act to authorize the making a turnpike road from Mason's causeway to Alexandria ;" also, that the committee had examined two enrolled bills : one, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners ;" and another, entitled "An act authorizing an augmentation of the Marine Corps ;" Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill for the relief of William Hastings ; and, after some time

spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made an amendment thereto; which he delivered in at the Clerk's table, where the same was twice read, and, on the question put thereupon, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That the said bill, with the amendment, be engrossed, and read the third time this day.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in this House, to wit:

"An act to extend to Amos Whittemore and William Whittemore, junior, the patent right to a machine for manufacturing cotton and wool cards;"

"An act for the relief of Jacob Barnitz;" and

"An act supplemental to the act, entitled 'An act for establishing trading houses with the Indian tribes.'"

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Gardnier, and seconded, that when this House adjourn, it will adjourn to meet at five o'clock, this afternoon:

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

An adjournment was then called for: On which,

The House adjourned until five o'clock, post meridiem.

FRIDAY, MARCH 3, 1809—*Five o'clock, P. M.*

The House met, pursuant to adjournment.

An engrossed bill for the relief of William Hastings was read the third time.

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, and that the title be, "An act for the relief of William Hastings."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do carry the said bill to the Senate, and desire their concurrence.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary:

Mr. Speaker: The Senate agree to the conference desired by this House on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments, and making appropriations for the support of the military establishment, and of the navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine," and have appointed managers at the said conference, on their part. The Senate have agreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act authorizing an augmentation of the Marine Corps." And then he withdrew.

The House, according to the order of the day, resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to amend the charter of Georgetown;" and, after some time spent therein, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Cutts reported that the committee had, according to order, had the said bill under consideration, and made some progress therein.

On the question that the Committee of the Whole House have leave to sit again on the said bill,

It passed in the negative.

A motion was made by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, that the House do reconsider their vote of disagreement that the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act to authorize the Marine Insurance Company of Alexandria, to alter their style and firm, and to insure against loss by fire," be read the third time:

And on the question for reconsideration,

It passed in the negative.

So the said bill was rejected.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A motion being made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, that the Committee of the Whole House to whom is committed the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend the charter of Georgetown,'" be discharged from proceeding therein; and that the said bill be *now* taken up for consideration in the House.

A motion was made by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, that the farther consideration of the bill be postponed *indefinitely*.

Walter Jones,
James Kelly,
William Kirkpatrick,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Matthew Lyon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William Milnor,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rowan,
John Russell,
James Sloan,
Samuel Smith,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,

John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,

Nicholas Van Dyke,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
Josiah Deane,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
John G. Jackson,

John Lambert,
John Love,
William M'Creery,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Pugh,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Henry Southard,
Clement Storer,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

The said proposed resolution being read at the Clerk's table, and under debate, it was, on a motion made by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That an advance of pay for the months of March, April, and May, and a further advance of pay for the months of June, July, August, September, October, and November, in one thousand eight hundred and nine, has been made by the Department of War to Brigadier General Wilkinson, and that when the said advances were made, the said Brigadier General Wilkinson stood indebted in a large amount to the United States, on the books of the Accountant of the War Department, and that the said advances of pay were contrary to law.

The said proposed resolution being read, was, on a motion made and seconded, ordered to lie on the table.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have passed a resolution for the appointment of a committee on their part, jointly, with such committee as may be appointed on the part of this House, to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him of the proposed adjournment of Congress. And then he withdrew.

Mr. John G. Jackson, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills : one, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners ;" and another, entitled "An act authorizing an augmentation of the Marine Corps."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign the following acts, which originated in the Senate : one, entitled "An act authorizing an augmentation of the Marine Corps ;" another entitled "An act to authorize the making a turnpike road from Mason's causeway to Alexandria ;" and another, entitled "An act making a farther appropriation towards completing the two wings of the Capitol at the city of Washington, and for other purposes." And then he withdrew.

The bill sent from the senate, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts

for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time : Whereupon,

A motion being made by Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded, that the bill be now read the third time :

The question was taken thereupon,

And resolved in the affirmative.

The said bill was, accordingly, read the third time..

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Willis Alston, from the managers appointed on the part of this House to attend a conference with the Senate on the subject-matter of the amendments depending between the two Houses to the bill, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments ; and making appropriations for the support of the military establishment, and of the navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine," made a report : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth so far recede from their disagreement to the said amendments of the Senate, as to agree to the modification and amendment proposed by the joint committee of conference ; and that the title of the bill be, "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment, and of the navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend the charter of Georgetown,' together with the amendment agreed to this day, was read the third time :

And on the question that the same do pass,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined two enrolled bills : one, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment, and of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine ;" and another, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments ;" and had found the same to be truly enrolled : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bills.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to consider the resolution of the Senate for the appointment of a joint committee of the two Houses to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him of the proposed adjournment of Congress : Whereupon,

Resolved, That this House doth agree to the same ; and that Mr. Cutts and Mr. John G. Jackson, be appointed a committee on the part of this House, pursuant thereto.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Nicholas R. Moore, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Clerk of the House of Representatives be directed, within one month after the close of the present session of Congress, to advertise three weeks successively, in two newspapers, printed in the District of Columbia, that he is ready to receive separate proposals for supplying the House of Representatives, for the next Congress, with the necessary stationery, printing, and wood for fuel, in manner prescribed by two resolutions, passed by the House of Representatives ; the first, on the twenty-eighth of February, one thousand eight hundred and five, and the other, on the twenty-first of April, one thousand eight hundred and six.

On a motion made by Mr. Smilie, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the thanks of this House be presented to Joseph B. Varnum, in testimony of their approbation of his conduct in the discharge of the arduous and important duties assigned to him whilst in the Chair :

The House proceeded to consider the said proposed resolution at the Clerk's table and after debate thereon,

The question was taken that the House do agree to the same.

And resolved in the affirmative, { *Yeas* 68,
 { *Nays* 9.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,
Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Evan Alexander,
Willis Alston,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
Burwell Bassett,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
John G. Jackson,
Richard Jackson,
Richard M. Johnson,

William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
John Love,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
William Milnor,
John Montgomery,
Nicholas R. Moore,
Thomas Moore,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
Clement Storer,
Peter Swart,
John Taylor,
James I. Van Alen,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
Marmaduke Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

John Campbell,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Matthew Lyon,

Josiah Masters,
John Rowan,
Richard Stanford,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer.

At the request of Mr. Barent Gardenier, the House excused him from voting on the question.

Mr. Speaker then made his acknowledgments to the House, in manner following :

Gentlemen of the House of Representatives :

The kind expression of your approbation of my conduct in the discharge of the duties which you have been pleased to assign me, as Speaker of the House, affords me that consolation which an approving conscience alone can surpass. You will please, gentlemen, to accept my thanks for the liberality and candor which you have uniformly manifested towards me : And be assured, that the friendly aid which I have experienced from you in the discharge of my official duty, has made a deep impression on the affections of my heart, which length of time cannot eradicate.

On motion of Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded,

Resolved, That the Committee of Accounts be authorized to settle and adjust the accounts of Thomas Claxton, junior, and James Claxton, for their services during the present session, and allow them a sum out of the contingent fund of this House, not exceeding one hundred dollars each.

Resolved, That the Clerk of this House is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of the contingent fund, to Elextius Spalding, John Phillips, Richard Stewart, John H.

Boorman, and George Cooper, each fifty dollars, for extra services performed during the present session.

The bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act providing for the promulgation of certain laws in the Territory of Michigan," was read the first time.

On motion,

The said bill was read the second time: Whereupon,

On a motion made, and seconded,

Resolved, That the farther consideration thereof be postponed *indefinitely*.

The order of the day, for the House to resolve itself into a Committee of the Whole House on the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act for the better Government of the Navy of the United States,' being called for,

A motion was made by Mr. John G. Jackson, and seconded, that the said order of the day be postponed *indefinitely* :

And the question being put thereupon,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, two enrolled bills: one, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment, and of the navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine;" and another, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments."

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have disagreed to the amendment proposed by this House to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend the charter of Georgetown.'" I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments." And then he withdrew.

A message was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, notifying that the President did, this day, approve and sign two acts, which originated in this House: one, entitled "An act concerning invalid pensioners;" and another, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military establishment, and of the navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and nine."

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

The House proceeded to reconsider their amendment disagreed to by the Senate to the bill sent from the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to amend the charter of Georgetown:" Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Lewis, and seconded, that the House do recede from their said amendment; and the same being received, and under debate,

A motion was made by Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded, that the further consideration of the said bill and amendment be postponed *indefinitely* :

And, the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative.

And, on the question that the House do agree to the motion made by Mr. Lewis, as herein before recited,

It was resolved in the affirmative.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : The Senate have considered the bill, entitled "An act to deprive, in certain cases, vessels of their American character, and to prevent, under certain disabilities, any citizen of the United States taking a license from any foreign Power to navigate the ocean, or to trade with any foreign and independent Power;" also, the bill entitled "An act for the relief of William Hastings;" and have resolved that the said bills do not pass. And then he withdrew.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee had examined an enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend the charter of Georgetown,'" and had found the same to be truly enrolled: Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker signed the said enrolled bill.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do acquaint the Senate therewith.

On motion of Mr. Willis Alston, and seconded,

Ordered, That the bill, entitled "An act concerning associations for the security of navigation;" also, the bill providing an additional military force, which originated in this House, and are now depending and undecided upon, do lie on the table.

Mr. Van Alen, from the Joint Committee for Enrolled Bills, reported that the committee did, this day, present to the President of the United States, for his approbation, an enrolled bill, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend the charter of Georgetown.'"

Mr. Cutts, from the joint committee of the two Houses appointed to wait on the President of the United States, and inform him of the proposed adjournment of Congress, reported that the committee had, according to order, performed that service, and that the President signified to them he had no farther communication to make to Congress during the present session.

A message from the Senate, by Mr. Otis, their Secretary :

Mr. Speaker : I am directed to inform this House that the President of the United States did, this day, approve and sign an act, which originated in the Senate, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act to amend the charter of Georgetown,'" also, that the Senate, having completed the legislative business before them, are now ready to adjourn without delay. And then he withdrew.

An adjournment was then called for : Whereupon,

Mr. Speaker adjourned the House, *sine die*.

A SUPPLEMENTAL JOURNAL

Of such Proceedings as, during the time they were depending, were ordered to be kept secret, and respecting which the injunction of secrecy was afterwards removed by order of the House.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1808.

The House being cleared of all persons, except the members and the Clerk,
A confidential message, in writing, was received from the President of the United States, by Mr. Coles, his Secretary, who delivered in the same, and then withdrew.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1808.

The House being cleared of all persons, except the members and the Clerk, proceeded in the reading of the confidential message from the President of the United States, and the accompanying documents, received on the eighth instant, and went through the same.

The said message is in the words following, to wit :

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States :

The documents communicated with my public message of this day, contains such portions of the correspondences, therein referred to, of the Ministers of the United States at Paris and London, as relate to the present state of affairs between those Governments and the United States, and as may be made public. I now communicate, confidentially, such supplementary portions of the same correspondences as I deem improper for publication, yet necessary to convey to Congress full information on a subject of their deliberations so interesting to our country.

TH. JEFFERSON.

NOVEMBER 8, 1808.

Ordered, That the said message and documents do lie on the table.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1808.

The House being cleared of all persons, except the members and the Clerk,

A motion was made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy, so far as it relates to the substance of the communications from our respective Ministers at Paris and London, which accompanied the President's message of the eighth instant, be taken off :

And, on the question that the House do now proceed to take the said proposed resolution into consideration,

It was resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 113,
 { Nays 1.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, junior,
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
George W. Campbell,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot,
William Ely,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
James M. Garnett,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Edwin Gray,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Harris,
John Heister,
William Helms,
William Hoge,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Reuben Humphreys,
Daniel Ilsley,
John G. Jackson,
Richard Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,

John Love,
Nathaniel Macon,
Robert Marion,
Josiah Masters,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jun.
John Montpomey,
Jeremiah Morrow,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
Samuel Shaw,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
William Stedman,
Clement Storer,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
Abram Trigg,
George M. Troup,
Jabez Upham,
James I. Van Alen,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
Daniel C. Verplanck,
Robert Whitehill,
Isaac Wilbour,
David R. Williams,
Alexander Wilson,
Nathan Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Adam Boyd voted in the negative.

Mr. Randolph then modified his resolution so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy imposed on the communication from our respective Ministers at Paris and London, which accompanied the President's message of the eighth instant, be taken off, with the exception of the extract of a letter from Ge-

neral Armstrong to the Secretary of State, dated Paris, December twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and seven:

And on the question that the House do agree to the same,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 31,
 { Nays 82.

The yeas and yeas being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Richard Jackson,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Loë Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,

William Milnor,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Roger Nelson,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Russell,
Samuel Shaw,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams,
Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
John Culpeper,
Richard Cutts,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
James Elliot,
John W. Eppes,
William Findley,
James Fisk,
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,

Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Robert Marion,
William McCreery,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
John Porter,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
Jacob Richards,
Matthias Richards,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,]
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
Samuel Taggart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
John Taylor,
John Thompson,
George M. Tryon,
James I. Van Alen,
Archibald Van Horn,

Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Wharton,
Robert Whitehill,

Isaac Willbourn,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

Another motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy, so far as it relates to the substance of the communications from our respective Ministers at Paris and London, which accompanied the President's message of the eighth instant, be taken off :

And on the question that the House do now proceed to take the same into consideration, an adjournment was called for ;

And then the House adjourned until to-morrow morning eleven o'clock.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1808.

The House being cleared of all persons except the Members and the Clerk, and the resolution proposed by Mr. Randolph, which was depending yesterday, at the time of adjournment, being again read in the words following, to wit :

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy, so far as it relates to the substance of the communications from our respective Ministers at Paris and London, which accompanied the President's message of the eighth instant, be taken off, with the exception of the extract of a letter from General Armstrong to the Secretary of State, dated Paris, December twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

The question was taken that the House do now proceed to the farther consideration of the same,

And resolved in the affirmative.

Mr. Randolph, then, with the consent of the House, withdrew the said resolution from the Clerk's table : Whereupon,

A motion was made by Mr. Macon, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution :

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy imposed on the communications from the President, from our respective Ministers at Paris and London, be taken off, and that the same be published, with the exception of the extract of a letter from General Armstrong to the Secretary of State, dated Paris, twenty-seventh of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven :

And on the question that the House do agree to the same,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 29,
 { Nays 82.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Clittenden,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
William Ely,
James M. Garnett,
E. Iwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Richard Jackson,
Joseph Lewis, junior,
Edward St. Loe Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Nathaniel Macon,

Josiah Masters,
John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Roger Nelson,
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph,
John Russell,
Samuel Shaw,
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,

John Blake, junior,
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
John Boyle,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,

Joseph Calhoun,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 Orchard Cook,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Dawson,
 Josiah Deane, †
 Joseph Desha,
 James Elliot,
 John W. Eppes,
 William Findley, †
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 William Helms, †
 James Holland,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 John Lambert,
 John Love,
 Robert Marion,
 William McCreery,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,

Jeremiah Morrow,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 Benjamin Say,
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 James Sloan,
 John Smilie,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
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 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 Clement Storer,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 George M. Troup,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 Nathan Wilson,
 Richard Winn.

A motion was then made by Mr. Randolph, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy, so far as it relates to the substance of the communications from our respective Ministers at Paris and London, which accompanied the President's message of the eighth instant, be taken off, with the exception of the extract of a letter from General Armstrong to the Secretary of State, dated Paris, December twenty-seventh, one thousand eight hundred and seven:

And the question being taken thereupon,

It passed in the negative, { Yeas 39,
 { Nays 67.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion,
 Martin Chittenden,
 John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 Barent Gardenier,
 James M. Garnett,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 William Hoge,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,

Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loc Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William Milnor,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Russell,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,

John Culpeper,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 John Dawson,
 Joseph Desha,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 James Fisk,
 Meshack Franklin,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 William Hoge,
 James Holland,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Daniel Hsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loc Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 William M'Creery,
 William Milnor,
 Daniel Montgomery, jun.
 John Montgomery,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,
 Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Thomas Newbold,

Thomas Newton,
 Timothy Pitkin, junior,
 John Porter,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, *of Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, *of Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Russell,
 Benjamin Say,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Dennis Smelt,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Taylor,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
 George M. Troup,
 Jabez Upham,
 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are.

Lemuel J. Alston,
 David Bard,
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 Orchard Cook,
 Richard Cutts,
 Josiah Deane,
 William Findley,

Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 Reuben Humphreys,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 John Smilie,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Richard Winn.

The question was then taken that the House do agree to the said resolution.

And resolved in the affirmative, { Yeas 95,
 { Nays 23.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Willis Alston, junior,
 Ezekiel Bacon,
 Joseph Barker,
 Burwell Bassett,
 William W. Bibb,

William Blackledge,
 John Blake, jun.
 William A. Burwell,
 John Campbell,
 Epaphroditus Champion.

Martin Chittenden,
 Matthew Clay,
 John Clopton,
 John Culpeper,
 Richard Cutts,
 Samuel W. Dana,
 John Davenport, jun.
 John Dawson,
 Joseph Desha,
 James Elliot,
 William Ely,
 John W. Eppes,
 Mesback Franklin,
 Barent Gardenier,
 Francis Gardner,
 James M. Garnett,
 Thomas Gholson, jun.
 Peterson Goodwyn,
 Edwin Gray,
 John Harris,
 William Hoge,
 David Holmes,
 Benjamin Howard,
 Daniel Ilsley,
 John G. Jackson,
 Richard Jackson,
 Robert Jenkins,
 Richard M. Johnson,
 Walter Jones,
 William Kirkpatrick,
 John Lambert,
 Joseph Lewis, jun.
 Edward St. Loe Livermore,
 Edward Lloyd,
 Nathaniel Macon,
 Robert Marion,
 Josiah Masters,
 William M'Creery,
 Daniel Montgomery, jr.
 John Montgomery,
 Jeremiah Morrow,
 John Morrow,
 Jonathan O. Mosely,

Gurdon S. Mumford,
 Roger Nelson,
 Thomas Newbold,
 Thomas Newton,
 Timothy Pitkin, jun.
 John Porter,
 Josiah Quincy,
 John Randolph,
 John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
 John Rhea, of *Tennessee*,
 Jacob Richards,
 Matthias Richards,
 Samuel Riker,
 John Russell,
 Benjamin Say,
 Samuel Shaw,
 James Sloan,
 Jedediah K. Smith,
 John Smith,
 Samuel Smith,
 Henry Southard,
 Richard Stanford,
 William Stedman,
 Clement Storer,
 Lewis B. Sturges,
 Peter Swart,
 Samuel Taggart,
 Benjamin Tallmadge,
 John Thompson,
 Abram Trigg,
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 James I. Van Alen,
 Philip Van Cortlandt,
 Archibald Van Horn,
 Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
 Daniel C. Verplanck,
 Jesse Wharton,
 Isaac Wilbour,
 David R. Williams,
 Alexander Wilson,
 Nathan Wilson.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
 David Bard,
 Thomas Blount,
 Adam Boyd,
 John Boyle,
 Robert Brown,
 William Butler,
 Joseph Calhoun,
 Orchard Cook,
 Josiah Deane,
 Daniel M. Durell,
 William Findley,

Isaiah L. Green,
 John Heister,
 William Helms,
 James Holland,
 Wilson C. Nicholas,
 Ebenezer Seaver,
 Dennis Smelt,
 John Smilie,
 John Taylor,
 Robert Whitehill,
 Richard Winn.

A motion was made by Mr. David R. Williams, and seconded, that the House do come to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the injunction of secrecy imposed on the letters and extracts from our Ministers at Paris and London, accompanying the message of the President of the United States, of the eighth instant, except the letter of Mr. Armstrong of the twenty-seventh of December, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and the words contained in the parenthesis of Mr. Pinkney's letter of the twenty-sixth of January, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be removed:

The question was taken that the House agree to the said proposed resolution,

And passed in the negative { Yeas 43,
 { Nays 72.

The yeas and nays being demanded by one-fifth of the members present,

Those who voted in the affirmative, are,

Burwell Bassett,
John Campbell,
Epaphroditus Champion,
Martin Chittenden,
John Culpeper,
Samuel W. Dana,
John Davenport, jun.
Daniel M. Durell,
James Elliot
William Ely,
James Fisk,
Barent Gardenier,
James M. Garnett,
Edwin Gray,
John Harris,
William Hoge,
Richard Jackson,
Joseph Lewis, jun.
Edward St. Lee Livermore,
Edward Lloyd,
Nathaniel Macon,
Josiah Masters,

John Morrow,
Jonathan O. Mosely,
Gurdon S. Mumford,
Roger Nelson,
Timothy Pitkin, jun.
Josiah Quincy,
John Randolph
Samuel Riker,
John Russell,
Samuel Shaw,
Samuel Smith
William Stedman,
Lewis B. Sturges,
Peter Swart,
Benjamin Tallmadge,
Abram Trigg,
Jabez Upham,
Philip Van Cortlandt,
Archibald Van Horn,
Killian K. Van Rensselaer,
David R. Williams.

Those who voted in the negative, are,

Lemuel J. Alston,
Willis Alston, jun.
Ezekiel Bacon,
David Bard,
Joseph Barker,
William W. Bibb,
William Blackledge,
John Blake, jun.
Thomas Blount,
Adam Boyd,
Robert Brown,
William A. Burwell,
William Butler,
Joseph Calhoun,
Matthew Clay,
John Clopton,
Orchard Cook,
Richard Cutts,
John Dawson,
Josiah Deane,
Joseph Desha,
William Findley
Meshack Franklin,
Francis Gardner,
Thomas Gholson, jun.
Peterson Goodwyn,
Isaiah L. Green,
John Heister,
William Helms,
James Holland,
David Holmes,
Benjamin Howard,
Reuben Humphreys,

Daniel Hsley,
John G. Jackson,
Robert Jenkins,
Richard M. Johnson,
Walter Jones,
William Kirkpatrick,
John Lambert,
Robert Marion,
William M'Creery,
William Milnor,
Daniel Montgomery, jr.
John Montgomery,
Jeremiah Morrow,
Thomas Newbold,
Thomas Newton,
Wilson C. Nicholas,
John Porter,
John Rea, of *Pennsylvania*,
John Rhea, of *Tennessee*.
Matthias Richards,
Benjamin Say,
Ebenezer Seaver,
James Sloan,
Dennis Smelt,
John Smilie,
Jedediah K. Smith,
John Smith,
Henry Southard,
Richard Stanford,
Clement Storer,
John Taylor,
George M. Troup,
James I. Van Alen,

Daniel C. Verplanck,
Jesse Warnton,
Robert Whitehill,

Isaac Wilbour,
Alexander Wilson,
Richard Winn.

On motion of Mr. Macon, and seconded,

Ordered, That the secret journal of this day be published.

On motion,

Ordered, That the doors be now opened.

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111	A bill authorizing the appointment and employment of additional officers, seamen, and marines in the Navy. (See bills Senate No. 32.)	380	417, 418	421	437	436, 460, 463, 465, 468, 469, 473, 476, 478, 483, 488, 492, 502	
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120	A bill to deprive, in certain cases, vessels of their American character, and to prevent their trading under license from foreign Governments	415	428, 580	584	594	Rejected.	
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131	A bill to authorize the transmission of documents, by mail, free of postage	431	-	-	-	-	Rejected.	-
132	A bill for dividing the Indiana Territory	432	472, 476	-	432	437	505, 509	510
133	A bill supplementary to the act to amend "An act establishing Circuit Courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of District Courts in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio—See Bills Senate No. 58.	432	498	-	477	503	-	-
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136	A bill supplementary to "An act to amend the charter of Georgetown"—See Bills Senate No. 49	440	-	-	-	-	-	-
137	A bill for the relief of sick, disabled, and distressed seamen	440	469	-	471	-	-	-
138	A bill authorizing the appointment of a Superintendent of Ordnance	441	-	-	-	-	-	-
139	A bill to authorize the transportation of certain documents, by mail, free of postage	448	-	-	458	465	Rejected.	-
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141	A bill supplementary to "An act for establishing and organizing a Marine Corps"	463	-	-	-	-	-	-
142	A bill providing an additional military force	463	484, 497, 499, 500, 595	-	-	-	-	-
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147	A bill for the relief of Jacob Barnitz	477	575	577	580	585, 588	589
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150	A bill to alter the terms of sale of public lands, and for other purposes	480					
151	A bill extending jurisdiction in certain cases to Territorial Courts, and for other purposes	480					
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169	A bill to alter and establish certain post roads	563					
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171	A bill to authorize the Accounting Officers to settle the account of the representatives of John D. Schweighauser	564	572				
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173	A bill for the relief of William Hastings	577	588	589	594		Rejected.

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b 1	An act for preservation of peace and maintenance of authority in ports and harbors United States	57	60, 98, 309, p.p.			
2	An act to appropriate money for construction of gun boats	60	61, 68, 69, 70, 71	72	73, 80	88
3	An act supplementary to an act fixing the military peace establishment	95	147, 178, 183, 185, 310			
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10	An act to amend the act establishing circuit courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of district courts, in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio	211	215, 230	235	235, 240, 244	247
11	An act for raising an additional military force	219	219, 272, 226, 230, 232 ib. 238, 242, 244, 249 250, ib. 251, 253, 254 255			
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25	An act to authorize President to cause to be prepared for service the frigates and other armed vessels of United States	291	298, 300, p. p.	299	304, 308	311
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37	An act for relief of certain Alabama and Wyandot Indians . . .	481	498, 532			
38	An act supplementary to an act to amend the act establishing circuit courts, and abridging the jurisdiction of district courts, in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio . . .	488	498	498	501, 509	511
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